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French Open: Grand outcome for USA's Gauff

USA's Coco Gauff captured the women's singles title at the French Open with an impressive come-from-behind victory over World No 1 Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in Paris on Saturday. This is the 21-year-old's maiden win at the Roland Garros and her second Grand Slam title in singles — her first was US Open in 2023. The final score read 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 in Gauff's favour | **P11**

CLOSE CALL FOR SIX AFTER COPTER LANDS ON HIGHWAY

DEHRADUN: Five pilgrims and a pilot onboard a helicopter had a narrow escape when the aircraft on its way to Kedarnath made an emergency landing on the highway in Rudraprayag district on Saturday after developing a technical snag during take-off, officials said.

The pilot sustained minor injuries and was rushed to a hospital. Videos on social media showed the helicopter standing in the middle of the highway and with a car that was damaged by its tail rotor. **P8**

The private chopper coming to a halt on a highway in Rudraprayag | PTI

NO PARITY BETWEEN TERRORISTS AND VICTIMS, SAYS EAM

'PARTNERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND INDIA'S NO-TOLERANCE POLICY'

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA expects its global partners to fully respect its zero-tolerance policy on terrorism and will not accept any equivalence between perpetrators and victims, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday during talks with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy.

Jaishankar's remarks came amid unease in New Delhi over attempts by several countries to draw parallels between India and Pakistan following their military exchanges from May 7-10, after India targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and in Pakistan in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

"We practise a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and expect our partners to understand it, and we will never countenance perpetrators of evil being put at par with its victims," Jaishankar said, reinforcing India's stance against cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

Lammy arrived in New Delhi on a two-day visit aimed at reviewing bilateral ties and advancing cooperation in trade, security, technology, and migration. He met Prime Minister Narendra Modi before holding extensive discussions with Jaishankar.

The UK, which had engaged both India and Pakistan last month, was among the countries that welcomed the May 10 understanding between the two neighbours. Lammy's visit to Islamabad on May 16 further highlighted Britain's active interest in regional diplomacy.

During the talks, Jaishankar expressed appreciation for the UK's condemnation of the "barbaric" terror attack in Pahalgam and its solidarity in the fight against terrorism. He also hailed the recently concluded India-UK Free Trade Agreement and the double contribution convention as "truly a milestone" in bilateral relations, with the potential to significantly boost trade, investment, and broader strategic ties.

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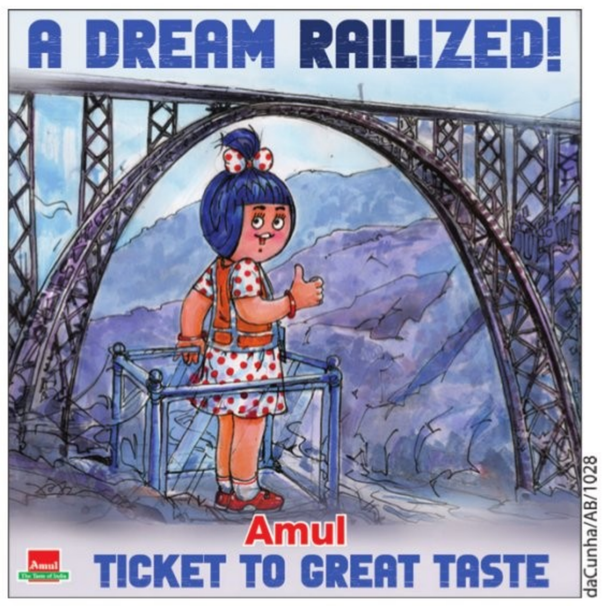
> S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister



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Two top office-bearers of KSCA resign

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA State Cricket Association (KSCA) Secretary A Shankar and Treasurer ES Jairam have resigned from their posts, taking moral responsibility for the stampede at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday that led to the death of 11 people including 2 minors and injuries to over 55 people during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's victory celebration.

In a joint statement on Saturday, Shankar and Jairam said, "Due to the unforeseen and unfortunate events that have unfolded in the the last two days, and though our role was very limited but owing moral responsibility, we wish to state that last night we have tendered our resignations to our respective posts as the Secretary and Treasurer of the KSCA, through a letter dated June 6, to the president of KSCA."

Former India cricketer Raghuram Bhat is KSCA president. Bhat told the media, "There was an emergency meeting on Saturday and the resignations of Shankar and Jairam were accepted." Refusing to comment on the Chinnaswamy stampede, he said KSCA will extend full support to investigating agencies.

CID BEGINS STAMPEDE PROBE: P5

EXPRESS READ

Evasion won't protect ECI, says Rahul

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday hit back at the Election Commission after sources in the poll panel rejected allegation of rigging in the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls, saying evasion would not protect its credibility but telling the truth would | **P7**

Man severes wife's head, takes to cops

Bengaluru: A man arrived at a police station on the outskirts of Bengaluru with his wife's severed head around 12.40 am on Saturday. The accused told the cops that he beheaded his wife over her alleged extramarital affair | **P5**

55 villagers thrash 3 boys in Gadag

Gadag: Banahatti village of Naragund taluk has turned tense after villagers tied three boys to a flagpole and thrashed them for sending obscene messages to girls. One of the boys has been admitted to hospital and his condition is serious | **P5**

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Officials and teachers with students who have rejoined school as part of the 'Come, Come to School, for a Bright Future' campaign in Gadag

IN SEARCH OF 'MISSING' CHILDREN

Education offers a passport to a better life. As the state is struggling to improve its abysmal dropout rate in secondary education, comes a sliver of hope from Gadag

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

KARNATKA has a problem in learning. The state's school dropout rate in secondary education is 22%, way higher than the national average of 14%, according to statistics available for 2023-24. The dropout rate was 1.7% in primary education and 2.7% in upper primary education.

Despite constitutional provisions such as Right To Education Act (RTE), 2009, improving the situation is a huge challenge.

Now Gadag is living up to that challenge with an admirable initiative, led by Minister for Law and Tourism and Gadag MLA, HK Patil. The town is looking for its missing children.

Gadag Deputy Director's Office, Gadag Area Education Officer's Office and Siddalinga Nagar Government High School have jointly organised a campaign 'Come, Come to School, for a Bright Future' from June first week.

The aim of the campaign is to bring back school dropouts. Many officials in both urban and rural areas are now looking for students in farms and working sites to convince their parents and children themselves to come back to schools.

'Come, Come to School, for a Bright Future' is a process-driven project. First, the officials and teachers conducted a survey and prepared a list of dropped out students. Then they mapped them as per area, village and wards. Block Education Officers (BEO) roped in Cluster Resource Persons, teachers and headmasters and started visiting houses of dropped out students. They then persuaded the parents to send their wards back to school and convinced them about the fruits of education.

Minister H K Patil with students during the campaign

Till Saturday, their efforts have brought back 14 students in Gadag town, 11 students in Ron town and eight in Gadag Rural area to schools. The state education department has not yet collated the data since it is only the beginning of the campaign.

The students are thrilled to come back to school. Twelve-year-old Chittaranjan (name changed) said: "We are thankful to the school and the education department for conducting a survey and bringing us back to school. Many students of our age are now coming back after watching us. Consecutive droughts, floods and Covid waves forced many children to quit school. We are happy that this new campaign will bring back many of us back to their schools."

Minister Patil said: "For the country to become great, everyone should be well-educated. Children in the age group of 6 to 14 who have dropped out of school should be educated by bringing them back to school. The government's concern is to educate all children. The noble purpose of educating everyone and building a dignified life lies in providing education."

R S Burudi, Deputy Director, School Education Department, said: "Quality education should be the right of every child. In this context, we are trying to bring the children who have dropped out of school back in the current year under the leadership of Minister HK Patil. All BEOs, CRPs, teachers and other staff are now reaching out to dropout students to bring them back".

A MINISTER TO EMULATE

Law and Tourism Minister HK Patil conducted a survey in Gadag and brought seven school dropouts to a government school in his car to kick-start the campaign, 'Come to School - For Bright Future' in Gadag town. The minister's initiative has inspired many.

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R S Burudi, Deputy Director, School Education Department

In the lap of Western Ghats

Spread across 40 acres at Sakleshpur in the Western Ghats, Swasya Living is a retreat where wellness, organic living and community come together

GAYATHRI M KURUP @Bengaluru

NESTLED in the heart of the Western Ghats lies Swasya Living, a green haven for all nature lovers.

Located at Sakleshpur, it's a space where you can thrive, away from concrete jungles, a space which you must at some point of time crave to run away and hide in. Where only birdsongs and the smell of rain drenched soil can disrupt your senses. Swasya Living has been set up by Nijish Nair, Ashrith Begur and Avinash Begur. It is something personal--it's a dad's concern to raise his child in the right condition, an escape away from mechanical lives one is taught to live and a sustainable conscious mindset.

"Our managed farmland community isn't just about land ownership; it's about belonging to a vision where wellness, organic living, and community come together," said Ashrith Begur. It began as a personal retreat with two rustic cottages, and soon it turned to something bigger.

"We listed it on Airbnb just to experiment," Nijish says. "We priced it high so only those who respected the space would come." But in just six months, they became superhosts, hosting CEOs and nature lovers alike.

Many guests were interested in managed farmlands, but most were disappointed with the existing offerings: mismanaged spaces, broken promises, and no one to turn to. "That's when we saw an opportunity--not just to sell land, but to build a community rooted in responsibility. And thus, Swasya Living was born," said Nijish.

Built across 40 acres of land, the farm has five eco-friendly cottages built mainly for visitors to see how the farm works. Interested individuals are welcome to come and stay at the cottages and experience the plot at free of cost, "except they will have to pay for the food which is 1,500 per person for three meals, satvik food made from everything we have procured in the farm," he added.

Anyone can buy the plot but only at a cost. A cost which is a promise to keep the plot as greener like before. "We have 15,000 trees and If you have to build a cottage, you have to build in such a way that none of the trees are impacted, or none of the other coffee plants are impacted," said Nijish.

Nijish Nair and Ashrith Begur

"Eighty per cent of the materials have to be eco-friendly. It could be any eco-friendly material, and designs have to be approved by us and you can have only the ground floor. An attic would be fine but not big houses that would disrupt the environment." He added: "Basically, even after 20 years we want the place to look exactly as it is right now." "We have five acres of man-made lakes, a three-acre kitchen garden where we grow all the vegetables ourselves." The farm is designed to grow fresh, healthy food straight from the land. Over 10,000 saplings have been planted so far, including more than 200 avocado trees, 100 jackfruit trees, over 100 coconut trees, and around 50 to 60 mango, guava and lychee trees.

A sanctuary for fresh honey

They initially started with 20 beehives and got very good results. So, they increased the number to over 100. "The farm also has five cows, which provide fresh milk, curd and ghee. "We follow organic ways strictly," says Nijish. "Now, we are also trying to grow mushrooms. We have already harvested about 20 kilograms of mushrooms and are building a small polyhouse to grow more. Additionally we are also running on solar energy, though not entirely, we try to use as much as renewable resources as possible."

"My personal goal is that if another wave of problems comes, we should be able to live and survive within our community. So, we are working hard to be fully sustainable,"Nijish says. With having many workers from around the village and procuring things from local village markets, Swasya living not only runs on sustainability but also on community support. "We repaired a well for the village and are taking care of the education a few kids. We are also selling the community products and giving a part of the money to the community," he adds.

"We've already built a FIFA-standard football turf and the clubhouse. In the next four to six months, facilities like the infinity pool, temperature-controlled pet pool, hobbit house, beach volleyball court, spa, sauna, and more will be ready," Nijish said. "Places like this where basics are sorted from a long-term viewpoint, will really play a huge role in the future," said Nijish. "It's more than an investment; it's a return to values that matter," concludes Ashrith.

Swasya Living, Sakleshpur

Road blocked for private event, Malleswaram residents protest

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

CHAOS erupted on Malleswaram 4th Main, 13th Cross on Saturday after a family blocked the road for a house warming ceremony without obtaining permission from the authorities, leading to disruption of traffic in the area.

A pandal was put up on the road, opposite the Government Girls PU College to serve food to the guests. The family used over 50 metre of the public road. Vehicles were parked on both sides of the road, severely affecting the flow of traffic in the area. Tension escalated when other residents objected to the unauthorised closure of road and questioned whether the function organisers had taken permission.

Workers remove a pandal that led to traffic disruptions on 4th Main, 13th Cross, Malleswaram road, on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Rajeevi, a local resident, told *TNIE*, "We asked the family why they were using a public road for the event. They initially claimed to have permission from the police, but when we checked, the police said no such permission had been given. Later, the family said the local MLA (Ashwath Narayan) had granted them permission, but he also denied it," she said. After residents called 112, police arrived and brought the situation under control. The pandal was removed.

"They were not only violating the rules, but also intimidating residents for questioning them," another resident said.

Bengaluru MP urges Centre to intervene in Railway infra delays

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BENGALURU Central MP P C Mohan has urged Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Railways, V Somanna, to intervene in several critical railway infrastructure issues affecting Bengaluru. During a preliminary review meeting on the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) held on Saturday, Mohan highlighted that delays by civic bodies and a lack of inter-agency coordination continue to hamper progress.

One of the major concerns raised was the stalled Carmelaram Road Over Bridge (ROB), which remains just 35% complete due to delays in land acquisition by BBMP. The incomplete project has led to the closure of the Carmelaram–Gunjur Road, causing severe inconvenience.

Mohan also pointed to the underutilisation of the Panathur Road Underbridge (RUB), which, remains non-operational due to pending approach road. He proposed introducing a new superfast train between Bengaluru and Mumbai, noting that existing options like the Udyan Express take over 21 hours. He also raised concerns over the Rs 1,000-crore redevelopment project of KSR Bengaluru Railway Station, which remains in limbo due to delays in handing over the Binny Mills land by the state government and the pending clearance from the Railway Board.

He urged the Ministry to initiate feasibility studies for Regional Rapid Transit System corridors along existing railway lines connecting Bengaluru with Tumakuru, Ramanagara, Mandya–Mysuru, and Kolar. Meanwhile, V Somanna said that the Railway Ministry will fully fund BSRP.

Muniyappa seeks faster clearances for rly infra

H Muniyappa, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, in a letter to V Somanna, requested expedited action on long-pending railway infrastructure projects in the Yelahanka–Chikkaballapur–Kolar section. Muniyappa also sought a new ROB near Hadonahalli, en route to the Ghati Subramanya Temple, to ease congestion for pilgrims.

K'taka school curriculum to include traffic lessons

Bengaluru: The Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT) has decided to include traffic lessons in the state board's school curriculum. The move aims to create awareness on traffic rules and personal safety among students. Textbooks for Classes 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9 will now include road safety content. DSERT said that as the text books for the academic year 2025-26 have already been printed and is in the distribution stage, the traffic curriculum shared by the Bangalore Traffic Police will be included while text book drafting or revision.

K'taka students secure 55 out of 100 ranks in COMEDK

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THE Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK) has declared the results of the Undergraduate Entrance Test (UGET) 2025, with Karnataka students securing 55 out of the top 100 ranks this year.

Shishir H Shetty from Moodbidri, Dakshina Kannada, secured the top rank, followed by Malik Jain from Punjab and Varun J Kumar from Karnataka in second and third positions, respectively. Four candidates from Karnataka are among the top 10, alongside students from other states. Around 3,330 students from Karnataka figured in the 90–100 percentile range, out of a total of 11,412.

Of the 1,31,937 applicants, over 1.13 lakh candidates appeared for the entrance test, which was conducted in two phases on May 10 and May 25 across 179 cities nationwide. This year, due to tensions between India and Pakistan and amid Operation Sindoor, COMEDK rescheduled the exam at 24 centres.

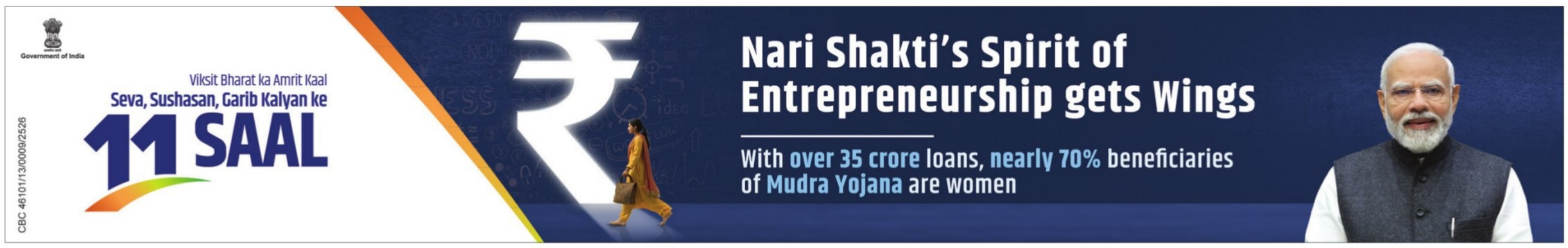
The final answer key was released on June 4, after the consortium reviewed 69 objections raised against the provisional key published on May 28.

SHISHIR H SHETTY BAGS FIRST RANK

Shishir Shetty

Mangaluru: Shishir H Shetty of Excellent PU College, Moodbidri, Dakshina Kannada has topped the COMEDK examination. Shishir H Shetty, son of Harish Shetty and Sumita Shetty, had secured 664th rank in the JEE Advanced, 99.971 percentile in JEE Mains, 4th rank in engineering in KCET and 7th rank in PUC. "This success has brought me great happiness. Excellent Moodbidiri offers a highly conducive learning environment with experienced faculty, a disciplined system, a serene green campus, and a well-planned academic schedule. I aspire to pursue a B.Tech at IISc," said Shishir. "My son's achievement has brought me immense joy. I would like to sincerely thank the chairman and secretary of Excellent Moodbidiri who patiently addressed every doubt related to my son's studies, even late in the night," said Sumita. Yuvaraja Jain, chairman, Excellent Moodbidri, said Shishir's success is a moment of great pride.

Darshan, a 24-year-old bank employee, was stabbed to death at Railway Gollahalli Village in Nelamangala on Friday night. The police are on the lookout for accused Venugopal (27), a kabbadi coach. The accused had found that his girlfriend was seeing another man and called him to discuss the issue. When they met, a verbal altercation ensued between the two and Venugopal stabbed Darshan to death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MAN BEHEADS WIFE OVER EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIR

Surrenders with severed head at police station at midnight

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Accused Shankar (left) beheaded his wife Manasa, during an argument

LOVE, marriage and, then, murder. The night duty personnel at the Surya City police station on the outskirts of Bengaluru were shocked when they saw a man approaching the station on a scooter with a woman's severed head placed on the footrest and a machete next to it around 12.40 am on Saturday. It was a gruesome, bone-chilling sight.

The accused stopped the scooter nonchalantly at the station and told the cops that he beheaded his wife over an extramarital affair.

Shankar, a support staff in a private firm, had reportedly attacked his wife, Manasa (26), an employee at a factory in Bommanhalli industrial area, multiple times on the neck. The police said Manasa's body was found lying in a pool of blood at their home. The incident took place near Heelalige in Anekal taluk. Manasa and Shankar had fallen in love and married five years ago. They lived in a rented house in Heelalige and have a four-year-old daughter.

According to the police, two days before the murder, Shankar caught Manasa with her paramour, leading to a heated argument. Following the quarrel, Manasa left for her mother's house.

On Friday night, she returned home, hoping to reconcile and live with Shankar. Shankar, who was under the influence of alcohol, began to scold her, and an argument followed. In a fit of rage, Shankar picked up a machete from the house and beheaded her, in a bloody end to their love-hate story.

The police said that the couple used to quarrel frequently. According to the accused's statement, Manasa had befriended a man named Mugilan at the factory where they both worked, and the friendship had developed into a relationship. Shankar claimed this extramarital affair was the reason for his crime. The accused was sent to judicial custody. A postmortem will be conducted within two days, added the police.

Speaking to reporters, Manasa's mother said she was devastated on seeing her daughter's decapitated body. She demanded justice for her daughter's death.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Children wish each other during Eid al-Adha prayers at Masjid-e-Khadria in Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

STATE SEES TWO MORE COVID DEATHS

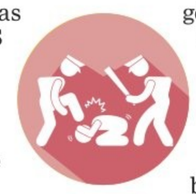
BENGALURU: Two more Covid-related deaths were reported in Karnataka on Saturday, pushing the total number of fatalities in the state to nine. This marks an increase of two deaths in the past 24 hours. The first case is of a 46-year-old man from Ballari, who was admitted to a government hospital on May 29 with fever, cough, breathlessness, and weakness. He had a history of cor pulmonale — a condition where long-standing lung problems strain the right side of the heart — along with pulmonary arterial hypertension. He died on June 5. As per the department, the cause of death is sepsis in septic shock, a life-threatening infection that spreads in the body, bilateral pneumonia, type-II respiratory failure, complications from old tuberculosis scars in the lungs, a blood clot in the right side of the heart, and long-term heart-lung disease. He was fully vaccinated. The second death is of a 78-year-old man from Belagavi, admitted to a private hospital on April 6 with fever and breathlessness. He had underlying ischemic heart disease and immune thrombocytopenic purpura — a condition where the immune system attacks the body's own platelets, which helps blood clot. He died on June 5. **ENS**

55 villagers tie 3 boys to flagpole, thrash them

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Gadag

BANAHATTI village of Naragund taluk in Gadag district has turned tense after villagers tied three boys to a flagpole and thrashed them for allegedly sending obscene messages to girls recently. Though the incident occurred on May 28, it came to light only now.

One of the boys has been admitted to KIMS hospital in Hubballi and his condition is said to be serious, while two other youngsters have gone missing.



The parents and relatives of the boys have filed an atrocity complaint against 55 villagers, while the villagers have filed a POCSO case against the three boys. With the threat of a caste clash looming, hundreds of policemen have been deployed in the village. The village itself is wearing a deserted look as the residents are scared to step out because of the fear of clashes. Till now, eight villagers have been arrested.

The incident occurred on May 28, but the police got into action only on May 30 after the complaint was filed. The case took a turn after the parents of the boys complained to the police that when the villagers threatened them, one of the boys consumed poison and was hospitalised. The police brought both sides to a negotiation, pacified them and sent them back. But some elders from the village warned the police that it could turn into a caste issue, and the police booked complaints from both sides.

Apart from searching for the villagers who assaulted the youngsters, the police are also looking for the boys.

With the situation turning tense, Gadag Superintendent of Police BS Nemagouda rushed to the village and spoke to the residents. He told TNIE that since the cases have been filed by both sides, they will be investigated and also a peace meeting will be called to defuse the situation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into a registered agreement of sale agreeing to purchase an Agricultural land described in the schedule given hereunder from its owner Mr. B.P. Puttesh Prabhu, aged about 45 years, Son of B.P. Puttaraju, Residing at No.19, 1st A Cross, Chikkabommasandra, G.K.V.K. Post, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560 064. In pursuance of the said sale agreement my client is now intending to get sale deed from the owner of the schedule property.

If any person or entity has any claim over the schedule property or objections to the proposed sale of the schedule property in favour of my client, the same may be sent to the under signed with documents within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, my client will go ahead to complete the sale transaction in respect of the schedule property deeming that there are no claims or objections to the same.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of an Agricultural dry land bearing Sy. No. [Old] 103 [new] 103/1 measuring 3 [Three] Acres 21 ½ [Twenty-one and half] Guntas situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on the **East by:** Land in Sy. No.101 belongs to T. Marappa and his family members; **West by :** Land in Sy. No.132 belongs to Umashankar; **North by:** Thoti Inamthi Land; **South by:** Land in Sy. No.104 belongs to P. Ashwathappa and Ramanna

K. NARASIMHAMURTHY, Advocate
No.25, 1st Floor, S.S. Arcade, Elite Rose Layout, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District.
Ph. No.9845216367;
Mail I.D. knmurthy.adv@gmail.com,
Date:07-06-2025

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Date: 08/06/2025 **Sd/- Zonal Manager**
Place: Bengaluru **Bank of Maharashtra, Bengaluru Zone.**

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To, **1.Mrs. Padmavathi C** W/o Ganapathi S B,No.224, 6th Cross, Vidya Nagar, Dombarahalli, Lakshmipura, Main Road, Bangalore-562123.
Also at No. 77, Katha No. 27/2, Assessment No. 27/2, Dombarahalli Village, Dasanapura, Bangalore-562123.
2. Mr. Ganapathi S B S/o Bheemappa, No.77, Katha No.27/2, Assessment No.27/2, Dombarahalli Village,Dasanapura, Bangalore-562123.
3. Mr. Chandrashekar B K S/o Kariyanna C/o Prashanth Building, Bheemeshwara Colony, Madanayakanahalli, Bangalore-562123.

E-AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF MRS. PADMAVATHI.C.

E-Auction notice dated 07.05.2025 of Mrs. Padmavathi.C' s Property which is mortgaged to our Bank, Loan Account nos.201700000038 & 202100000436.Notice Published in Indian Express and Kannda prabha dated: 09/05/2025.

Please take notice further to **E-Auction, held on 28.05.2025** under the provision of SARFAESI Act-2002, we being the secured creditor have **Auctioned through Online** the House property Site No.77, (Southern Portion) Assessment No.27/2, Katha No.27/2, in Gramapanchayath Limits, Dr. Raj Kumar Road, Dombarahally, Grama, Dasanapura Hobli, Madanayakanahlli, Grama Panchayath, Bangalore which was secured for the loan availed by Mrs. Padmavathi.C for a Sale Consideration of Rs.25,10,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only).

Mrs.Punarvathi W/o Nagaraju R is the successful highest bidder for Rs.25,10,000/= (Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) in the **E-Auction, held on 28.05.2025,** Therefore the bank will Execute a **SALE CERTIFICATE in 30 days from the date of E-Auction** in her favour and hand over the original documents and the vacant physical possession of the above said property.

Consequently the said sale consideration of Rs.25,10,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) will be adjusted towards the loan account of Mrs. Padmavathi.C and further necessary action will be taken to recover the entire loan as per the rules of the bank.

Place: Bangalore **For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.**
Date: 03-06-2025

Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority
Commercial Complex, Vinobanagara, 100 Ft Road, Shivamogga - 577204. Ph No.: 08182-249867,249280.
No: ಶಿಭನಪ್ರಾ/ತಾಂ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/07/2025–26 **Date: 05.06.2025**

Tender Notification

Service Tenders are invited in two-cover system from the undersigned as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and as per Standard Tender Document KC-8 procedure from the Firms registered in KPP portal and registered as PMC and Third Party Inspection Agency for PMC services for development of lakes works (indent No. SBUDA/2025-26/SE0014). Eligible contractors shall participate for service tenders through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The details and the eligibility criteria for participating tenderers have been published in the KPP portal. For more details on KPP portal, contact helpdesk No. 080-8046010000 and 8068948777.
More details can be had from the Asst. Executive Engineer of the Authority during office hours between **3.30 P M and 5.30 P M.**

Sd/-
(Vishwanatha P Mudajji)
Commissioner, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

Sd/-
(H S Sundaresh, B E) President, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. B R Hitesh & Mr. B R Tarun (Legal Heirs) Mrs. H Y Pavithra W/o Late Mr. Ramesh Babu H B (Co-borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006560345/ LBBNG00006564696/ LBBNG00006541953	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 2 & 3, BBMP Property No. 61/3, BBMP Khatha No. 82/61/3, Old Khatha No. 04, Assessment No. 03, Kaneshumari No. 4/1, situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Herohalli BBMP Ward No. 72, Bangalore, measuring East to West 34 feet, and North to South 185 feet totally measuring 6290 sq. ft. and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto whether whatsoever above or beneath the surface and bounded on the: North by: Government Road, South by: Government Road, East by: Property of Mallaiah, West by: Property of Krishnappa	Rs. 2,63, 73,778.24/- (as on May 26,2025)	Rs. 4,09, 00,000/- / Rs. 40,90, 000/-	June 25, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	July 16, 2025, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by July 15, 2025 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before July 15, 2025 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before July 15, 2025before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before July 15, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9844542086/8008999536
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : June 06, 2025, Place: Bangalore — Authorized Officer, ICICI Bank Limited

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" and "As is what is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr/ Lot No.	NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S /GUARANTOR/ S/ MORTGAGOR (S)	Short Description of the Immovable Property with known Encumbrances, if any	A. Branch Name B. Customer ID C. Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	A. Reserve Price B. EMD Amount C. Bid Increase Amount. D. Last Date of Receipt of EMD E. Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date (with Prior Permission from Authorised Officer)
1	**1) Smt. Aruna Kanchana w/o Srinivas Dande** Resident of N.702, 7th Floor, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore - 5600076	All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 002,in the ground floor, Block "A", Samaikyaa's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1160 square feet situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge,constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2 situated at Chinnappanahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, life staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights, title interest,privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 336.4 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 2BHK.	A. Branch :ROSARB Bengaluru North B. Cust ID: AK6V17194 C. Rs. 1,80,58,723/- As on 10.05.2025 plus other charges and further interest.	24.6.2025 From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs.72,00,000/- B. Rs.7,20,000/- C. Rs.25,000/- D. 24.06.2025, 05.30 PM E. Physical possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer
2	**Smt. Aruna Kanchana w/o Srinivas Dande** **Resident** of N.702, 7th Floor, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore - 5600076	All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 004,in the ground floor, Block "A", Samaikyaa's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1060 square feet situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge, constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2 situated at Chinnappanahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku . The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, life staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights,title interest, privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 307.40 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 2BHK	A. Branch :ROSARB Bengaluru North B. Cust ID: AK6V17194 C. Rs. 1,80,58,723/- As on 10.05.2025 plus other charges and further interest	24.6.2025 From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs. 66,00,000/- B. Rs.6,60,000/- C. Rs.25,000/- D. 24.06.2025, 05.30 PM E. Physical possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer
3	Srinivas Dande S/O Yelmanda Dande Resident of N.702, 7th Floor, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore - 5600076	All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 205,in the second floor, Block "A", Samaikyaa's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1250 square feet situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge, constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2 situated at Chinnappanahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku . The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, life staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights,title interest, privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 362.5 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 3 BHK	A. Branch :ROSARB Bengaluru North B. Cust ID: AK6V17195 C. Rs. 2,24,60,991 As on 10.05.2025 plus other charges and further interest	24.6.2025 From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs. 78,00,000/- B. Rs. 7,80,000/- C. Rs.25,000/- D. 24.06.2025, 05.30 PM E. Physical possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer
4	**Srinivas Dande S/O Yelmanda Dande** Resident of N.702, 7th Floor, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore - 5600076	All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 305,in the third floor, Block "A", Samaikyaa's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1250 square feet situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge, constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2 situated at Chinnappanahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku . The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, life staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights,title interest, privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 362.5 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 3BHK.	A. Branch :ROSARB Bengaluru North B. Cust ID: AK6V17195 C. Rs. 2,24,60,991 As on 10.05.2025 plus other charges and further interest	24.6.2025 From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs. 78,00,000/- B. Rs. 7,80,000/- C. Rs.25,000/- D. 24.06.2025, 05.30 PM E. Physical possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://baanknet.com** Also prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Telephone No. **080-25584066/368 Mobile Nos. 8310302569, 9900057333.**
"Any charges or dues pending on the property such as maintenance charges, tax, electricity dues etc are to be born by the purchaser of the property over and above purchase price."

Date: 06/06/2025, **Sd/-**
Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda**

Former Bengaluru City police commissioner and BJP leader Bhaskar Rao on Saturday said CM Siddaramaiah, DCM DK Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara should be made accused in the stampede case. He added that the government has treated the police commissioner (B Dayananda) badly, rather than sending him on leave or transferring him to some other post

State to ask Centre, apex court to ensure justice to farmers cultivating forest land

Khandre says officials have been instructed to conduct joint survey to resolve problem soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre convenes a meeting of MLAs, forest and revenue department officials from Chikkamagaluru district, at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

THE state government is vested with powers to drop lands sanctioned prior to the notification issued under Section 4 of the Forest Act, 1963. But to ensure justice to farmers who have been cultivating such lands with houses on them for the past 40 years after the notification, a proposal will be submitted to the Centre and the Supreme Court, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said on Friday.

At a meeting with MLAs, forest and revenue officers from Chikkamagaluru district at Vikas Soudha in Bengaluru, he said the Centre and the Supreme Court will be urged not to clear human settlements and cultivated lands within the deemed forests. Instead, compensatory land should be given to the forest department, the minister added.

In some cases, provisions under Section 17 have not been implemented even after 70 years of the notification issued under Section 4. This has become a hurdle in dropping such lands in the forest limits after the enforcement of the Forest Conservation Act of 1980. Therefore, it has become inevitable to submit the appeal to the Centre and the Supreme Court, Khandre said.

There are thick forests in the Chikkamagaluru region of the Western Ghats. Lands measuring around 400 acres are under single survey numbers. There will be confusion between the forest and revenue departments if a joint survey is not conducted. In this background, officials have been instructed to conduct the joint survey to resolve the problem soon, the minister said.

In the affidavit submitted to the apex court, it has been mentioned that houses, government schools and buildings, and cultivated lands exist in forestland.

A provision has been made to submit a report to the Supreme Court in this regard. Accurate surveys should be conducted to identify such lands to be made known to the court so that alternative revenue land could be given to the forest department, he said.

Local legislators TD Raje Gowda, GH Srinivas, HD Thammaiah, K Anand and Nayana Motamma, forest officials Meenakshi Negi, chief wildlife warden Subash Malkade, PCCF Biswajith Misra and Chikkamagaluru deputy commissioner Meena Nagaraj CN attended the meeting.

'INTERFERENCE' QUESTIONED

Where is Rahul, asks Karandlaje

STADIUM stampede

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SHOBHA Karandlaje on Saturday mocked Rahul Gandhi by asking where has the Congress leader gone.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday, the Union Minister of State for Ministry of Labour and Employment, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises said: "Every time, he (Rahul) interferes in the Karnataka government issues; where is he now when 11 people have died in the stampede," she asked. Karandlaje then demanded the resignations of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar. The minister also called for a probe into the stampede incident by a sitting judge.

She said on one side, the government is claiming that they have not done any mistake and, on the other side, they have suspended senior police officers.

"Are the police not part of the government," she wondered.

The minister said that when one person died in the stampede during actor Allu Arjun's movie promotion in Hyderabad, he was arrested by the Congress government in Telangana.

"Where are Congress leaders Surjewala and KC Venugopal," she questioned. She also questioned appointing Bengaluru DC probing the incident. Will he have courage to probe the CM and Deputy CM? , she asked.

Shobha also slammed the State government for not having details on the injured. She said that over 70 people were injured but the government does not have information. "They are trying to hide," she alleged.

"At Vydehi Hospital, parents are paying the bill. But the government says it will pay. When are you giving," she questioned the government.

She questioned appointing retired Justice Michael D'Cunha to probe the stampede incident and pointed out that the D'Cunha Commission is yet to submit report on Chamarajanagara Oxygen tragedy that took place in 2021.

Koppal youth organise non-vegetarian feast to celebrate RCB victory

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Koppal

LIKE thousands of hardcore Royal Challengers Bengaluru fans across Karnataka, the youth at Bandi Harlapur village in Koppal taluk too had taken a vow to see their team win the IPL cup. And on the night of June 3, RCB won the final, ending an 18-year drought.

To celebrate the victory and to honour their vow, or harake, the youth of the village organised a non-veg feast for the entire village. Though the feast was to be held soon after the victory, it was postponed because of the tragic stampede at M Chinnaswamy Stadium that claimed 11 lives. Before serving the food, villagers prayed for the departed souls and wished for the speedy recovery of the injured.

The feast was announced in a traditional style by beating 'dangura' (a drum used for public announcements) and ringing a large bell through the streets, inviting everyone to the feast.

It was funded entirely by the villagers. Of around 7,000 population at Bandi Harlapur, nearly 3,000 gathered for the feast. Though chicken and pulav were the main dishes, arrangements had been made for vegetarian meals too. A symbolic trophy was lifted high before the feast, while villagers cheered for RCB.

One of the organisers, Raju Yadav, said, "We had taken a vow that if RCB lifted the cup, we would serve non-veg food to the entire village. We initially planned to hold it the day after the victory. But when we heard of the tragedy, we decided to postpone the feast. We also prayed for the departed souls and the speedy recovery of the injured."

RCB fans serve non-veg meals to the whole village of Bandi Harlapur

> We initially planned to hold it the day after the victory. But when we heard of the tragedy, we decided to postpone the feast. We also prayed for the departed souls and the speedy recovery of the injured — Raju Yadav, an organiser

IN DK DIST

Ravi: Curb cow slaughter, 'love jihad' to address communal issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

BJP MLC **CT Ravi** has urged the state government to curb cow slaughter and 'love jihad' if it wants to address the root cause of communal murders in Dakshina Kannada.

Speaking to reporters here on Saturday, Ravi said thousands of families have lost peace because of cattle theft, cow slaughter and 'love jihad', and if this ecosystem is destroyed, the communal friction will stop. He also stressed the need to put an end to illegal sand mining, gambling and drug peddling, stating that it funds the communal forces. Ravi said not to view the murders in DK as separate incidents, but as an action for a reaction. "If action stops, then there won't be a reaction," he said.

Further, he said there should be a public debate on removing contents in religious texts that lead to hatred and terrorism, stating that they also play a role in religious intolerance. He said that not only the Union and state governments, but also society should take responsibility in this matter. "If such contents are removed, then peace will prevail not just in the state, but in the entire world," he said.

He objected to the Congress government in the state not compensating the kin of Suhas Shetty, stating that he was a rowdy sheeter and further questioned why the kin of Kabeer, a cattle thief who was killed in the 2014 ANF encounter, was compensated.

When asked why the BJP did not condemn Ashraf and Abdul Rahiman's murder, he said he was not aware of it and added that the civil society will not accept any murder.

Ravi sought to know whether Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his cabinet colleagues had secretly invested in RCB, which prompted them to celebrate its victory, resulting in the death of 11 persons. "RCB is a franchise. It is a cocktail-like arrangement. How many players from Karnataka did it consist, whether its owner is a Kannaniga," he asked.

HDK opposes ₹100-cr Cauvery Aarti plan, slams Siddu govt's priorities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries **HD Kumaraswamy** has voiced strong opposition to the Karnataka government's proposal to spend Rs 100 crore on the Cauvery Aarti in Mandya.

Speaking to reporters at the Mysugar High School premises on Saturday, Kumaraswamy questioned the rationale behind the massive allocation. "Why do we need Rs 100 crore for the Cauvery Aarti? How much did it cost when JDS leader CS Puttaraju organised a similar event at Kere Thonnur? Why spend such an enormous amount? I am completely against this," he said.

Kumaraswamy also criticised the state government's handling of the recent stampede at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, calling out the lack of clarity and shifting decisions regarding the inquiry. "Initially, they said there would be a magisterial investigation, then it changed to a judicial probe, and now they talk about handing it over to the CID. What final outcome are they expecting? There needs to be consistency in decision-making," he remarked.

He questioned the government's narrative, highlighting that the FIR reportedly stated there was no negligence by officials. "Instead of accepting responsibility, the government is deflecting blame and drawing irrelevant comparisons with incidents in Pahalgam and Prayagraj. What do those have to do with this? When the Mumbai terror attacks occurred under PM Manmohan Singh's tenure, did he resign? This is nothing but drama by CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar to salvage their reputation," he alleged.

Responding to former MP DK Suresh's comment suggesting Kumaraswamy should take care of his health, the minister retorted, "God will take care of my health. The blessings of the people of Mandya are with me. I'm not under any pressure. They are the ones feeling the heat."

'STATE NOT COOPERATING TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIES'

Union minister HD Kumaraswamy accused the state government of not extending support to bring major industries to Karnataka. Speaking at the Amrutha Mahotsav celebration of Mysugar High School in Mandya on Saturday, Kumaraswamy emphasised the need for industrial development in the region. "Setting up factories will generate much-needed employment in Mandya. But the state government is not cooperating. For large-scale industries, state support is crucial," he said. Highlighting the Centre's push for a carbon-neutral future, Kumaraswamy noted, "The Centre has prioritised electric vehicle production. I've sanctioned 14,000 electric buses to Karnataka, including 4,500 for Bengaluru alone, and 2,000 for other states. Plans are underway to provide 20 to 25 electric buses to each district in the near future."

FLORAL WELCOME

Minister Dr MC Sudhakar receives Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, in the presence of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, at HAL Airport after the V-P's arrival in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

SHRC directs DGP to give report on jail menu

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Human Rights Commission has directed the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services to submit a report on food facilities, nutritional adequacy, and meal timings across prisons in the state. In a letter on Saturday, the panel asked the Prisons Department to submit the report by Monday. The case is scheduled for a full bench hearing on June 10, following a complaint filed by activist T Narasimha Murthy, who raised serious concerns about inadequate food budgets and prolonged fasting intervals. According to the complaint, dinner is served between 5.15 pm and 5.45 pm, while breakfast is only served the next morning between 7.15 am and 8.30 am, creating a gap of nearly 14 hours between meals. This long interval poses health risks, especially for inmates with conditions like diabetes and hypertension, the complaint stated. It further mentioned that the current daily budget of Rs 85 per prisoner is insufficient to maintain food quality and quantity, especially in the face of rising costs. Murthy questioned whether Karnataka's prison system involves certified nutritionists to assess the meals and suggested introducing light night snacks.

Forest dept to ask banks not to sanction loans for encroached lands

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IN a novel approach to reduce forest encroachments, the Karnataka forest department, through divisional forest staffers, is approaching banks with a list of places where encroachment cases are high, urging them not to extend loans for construction.

The staffers did this in two recent cases. They wrote to the State Bank of India, Koorigepalli branch, on June 6, with details of encroachers and writ petition numbers, requesting the bank branch manager not to clear the loans for the land in Srinivasapura taluk of Kolar distrit. Forest officials from the Srinivasapura forest zone stated in the letter that the land in Hosahudya village has been declared as part of the Janigalakunte state forest as per the government notification.

"We have earlier tried multiple ways to control encroachment and recover encroached land. But we have failed as people approach courts pleading that they have constructed homes, schools etc and then little or nothing happens as the case prolongs. Now, we are trying this new method of approaching banks," said a senior forest department official, not wanting to be named.

He said that in cases where the construction has started and bank loans approved, they are looking at other options. "But this method of blocking financial support to encroachers will work. These encroachers start construction activity even though the courts would have directed them to maintain a status quo," the official said.

All the forest divisions in the state are preparing a list of places where this method can be adopted. "This will be ideal in Bengaluru and surrounding areas where land is heavily priced," the official added.

LOCKED DOORS

Standoff between Dalits, upper caste people in Mandya over temple entry

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TENSION gripped Elechakanahalli village in Mandya taluk after Dalits were allegedly denied entry into Maramma temple by upper caste people. As the situation escalated, heavy police deployment was made to prevent any untoward incidents.

The controversy began when upper caste villagers reportedly blocked Dalits from entering Maramma temple, leading to clashes between the two communities. Taluk authorities temporarily sealed the temple and enforced tight security in the area. Later, leaders from both communities placed separate locks on the temple doors, further deepening the standoff.

Efforts to mediate through separate peace meetings with leaders of both groups have so far failed. Dalit representatives have demanded equal access to the temple, while upper caste leaders have continued to oppose it.

The situation worsened on the night of June 3, when miscreants vandalised a car belonging to a Dalit man, Vijaykumar, near his house. He filed a complaint against six -- Shivalinga aka Papu, Dinesh, Janardhan, Chethan Kumar, Roopesh and Manu -- at the Mandya Rural police station.

Mandya Superintendent of Police Mallikharjuna Baladandi confirmed that security has been intensified in the village to maintain law and order. He said that a peace meeting, chaired by the deputy commissioner, will be held on June 9 in an effort to resolve the dispute. "We hope to arrive at a solution during the meeting," he added.

Making it clear that he will not hesitate to show the door to those who cause damage to the party and the government through their actions, AP Chief Minister and TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu said he will soon hold one-on-one meetings with every MLA to review their performance

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CID BEGINS PROBE; SIT TO SEEK CUSTODY OF 4 ARRESTED

Aam Aadmi Party members stage a protest condemning the Karnataka government over the Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede, which claimed 11 lives, in Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

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THE Crime Investigation Department (CID) has begun its probe into the Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede that resulted in the death of 11 RCB fans.

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said the case from the Cubbon Park police was handed over to CID on Friday and the process of handing over the files pertaining to the three FIRs is on. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising 15 police officers has been formed in the CID to probe the incident. The SIT will approach the court on Monday to seek the custody of the four arrested on body warrant. All the four were remanded in judicial custody till June 19 by a city-based court on Friday.

The SIT will be headed by Superintendent of Police (SP) Shubanvita. Gowtham and Purushotham, the DySP rank officers, are named as the investigators. The team visited the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday to inspect gate numbers 02, 02A, 06, 07, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21 and other locations where 11 died and 64 others were injured.

STADIUM stampede

"The SIT, apart from questioning the accused, Nikhil Sosale, marketing head of RCB, Sunil Mathew, director and vice- president, Sumanth, working in the ticketing section and Kiran Kumar, manager, all employees of DNA Entertainment Networks Private Limited, will also be issued notices to Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Administrative Committee, owner of DNA Entertainment Networks Private Limited and the RCB Franchise management to appear for questioning. Failing to respond to the notices might result in their arrests unless the court intervenes," said an officer.

The SIT will also have to record the statements of the family members of all the 11 deceased as well as the 64 injured. Notices will also be served to 25-year-old Rolan Gomes and 21-year-old BCom student C Venu, the two complainants in the case.

"Police officers who were part of the security duty on the day of the incident will also have to give their statements. The security guards of the Chinnaswamy Stadium along with a few others who shifted the victims to hospitals also have to give their statements," said an officer.

The Cubbon Park police had registered the three FIRs on Thursday. The complaints were registered against the RCB Franchise, DNA Entertainment Private Limited and KSCA Administrative Committee.

The FIRs have been registered for culpable homicide not amounting to murder (BNS 105), voluntarily causing hurt (BNS 115) and voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means (BNS 118), assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of duty (BNS 132), causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others (BNS 125(b)) along with other sections of BNS.

Meanwhile, the magisterial enquiry by G Jagadeesha, Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district, is also on.

Justice D'Chuna to probe incident

Bengaluru: A one-member Commission of Inquiry, led by former Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Michael D'Cunha, has been set up to probe the stampede at M Chinnaswamy Stadium that claimed 11 lives during the Royal Challengers Bangalore victory celebrations on June 4. The government has directed the commission, set up on June 5, to complete its investigation and submit its report within one month. Justice D'Cunha is also leading an ongoing inquiry into issues flagged by the 2021 Public Accounts Committee report, which raised concerns over the purchase of medicines, medical equipment, oxygen management and deaths caused by oxygen shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic. That commission was constituted on August 25, 2023, under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, with a three-month timeline. However, its tenure was extended till December 31, 2025, following a government notification issued on October 7, 2023, outlining the terms of reference for the probe. Justice D'Cunha was the one who convicted former Tamil Nadu chief minister (late) J Jayalalita and imposed a fine of Rs 100 crore. ENS

Compensation hiked to ₹25 lakh

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has increased the compensation amount to be paid to the family members of the victims who died in the stampede at Chinnaswamy stadium during RCB's victory celebration. The amount now is Rs 25 lakh. Earlier, state government had announced Rs 10 lakh each to the family members of 11 victims. ENS

CM, DCM should resign on moral grounds: HDK

Bengaluru: Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar should take moral responsibility for the stampede at M Chinnaswamy Stadium that claimed 11 lives and resign. He also condemned the state government's suspension of senior police officers over the incident, terming the move "unnecessary". Kumaraswamy told reporters on Saturday that the officers were made scapegoats for the mistakes of the government. "Can the officers work effectively? The government should have thought about it," he said. He also questioned the state government's decision to felicitate the RCB team within 24 hours of the IPL victory. The FIR on the incident says that permission was sought for the June 4 victory celebrations at the stadium even before the match started on June 3, he alleged. "Did they dream about winning the match?" ENS

Footwear left after stampede sent to Bidadi plant to generate power

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Solid Waste Management (SWM) unit sent an unusual type of waste to the Bidadi waste-to-energy plant this week — discarded footwear following the stampede during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) victory celebrations. Three auto-tippers, each carrying around 300-350 kg of footwear, were dispatched to the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited's (KPCL) plant over the past couple of days.

The footwear waste is now being processed to generate electricity for two days. The Bidadi plant generates 11.5 MW of electricity daily using 600 tonnes of dry waste collected from Bengaluru.

On the day following the incident, BBMP's SWM divisions from Shivajinagar and Shanthinagar deployed special teams of waste pickers exclusively to collect discarded footwear. A team of marshals was also assigned to monitor the cleanup operation. Separate auto-tippers were used to remove banners, flexes, and torn clothes.

"All the waste around the stadium was cleared, and a report is being compiled," said Harish Kumar K, BBMP's Special Commissioner, SWM.

"This is the first time we've encountered such a large quantity of footwear waste," said Abhilash M M, Assistant Executive Engineer, SWM (Shivajinagar), BBMP. "Usually, footwear waste comes from religious places or public functions, but never on this scale. Without the waste-to-energy plant, this waste would have ended up in landfills. Now, it's being used to produce electricity."

A KPCL official at the Bidadi plant confirmed this was an unprecedented type of waste. "We had never received footwear before and weren't initially sure how to process it. After internal discussions, we found a way to use most of it to generate electricity. However, some types-especially leather and imported shoes-are difficult to process. This was an unexpected challenge for us."

Intellectual property rights workshop held

Bengaluru: Jyothy Institute of Commerce and Management (JICM), in association with WeGrow Private Limited, recently organised a one-day international workshop on 'Intellectual Property Right Claims Establishment and Patent Grant.' The workshop served as a platform to promote innovation, enhance patent literacy and raise awareness of intellectual property among academics. The event was inaugurated by K S Nagabhushana, Director of Research at the Prayoga Institute of Education Research. ENS

AI will define future engineers, says expert

Bengaluru: Those who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) effectively will be the successful engineers of tomorrow," said Krishna Prasad Chitrapura, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist of Cuspera Inc., and Distinguished Alumnus of Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT). He was speaking at a farewell organized for final-year students at RIT here on Saturday. Inaugurating the event, he noted that India opened its economy in the 1990s, leading to significant transformations across industries. ENS

EXPRESS READ

PM to attend Odisha BJP govt's first anniv

Bhubaneswar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Odisha on June 20 to take part in the mega celebration of the first anniversary of BJP government in the state. Originally scheduled to be held on June 12, the date on which Mohan Charan Majhi government completes one year in office, the programme had to be reworked following confirmation from the PMO about Modi's attendance on June 20. Informing this to mediapersons here, Revenue and Disaster Management minister Suresh Pujari on Saturday said the main function will be held in Bhubaneswar on June 20 with the PM attending it. ENS

Revanth all set for cabinet expansion?

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy appears all set for the long-delayed cabinet expansion, possibly as early as Sunday. Three of the six vacancies are likely to be filled. Among the frontrunners are first-time MLAs G Vivek (SC-Mala), Adluri Laxman Kumar (SC-Madiga) and Vakiti Srihari (BC-Mudiraj). Film actor and MLC Vijayashanti (BC) is also said to be a strong contender. Party insiders said the high command is aiming for social balance. The likely arrival of Governor Jishnu Dev Varma in Hyderabad by Sunday morning has further fuelled speculation about Cabinet expansion. ENS

Union Health Minister J P Nadda and Karnataka Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil during the World Food Safety Day event in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Nadda: Ask for calories in whatever you eat

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WARNING that one in three Indians could be obese by 2050 if unhealthy eating habits continue, Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Saturday urged people to "ask for calories in whatever you eat."

Nadda was speaking at a function to mark 'World Food Safety Day', where he launched several initiatives such as sugar and oil boards, and the eat right activity book on the theme, "Stop Obesity by Eating Safe and Healthy".

Citing an ICMR study, he said obesity increased by 39.6% in urban and 23.1% in rural areas between 2008 and 2020, highlighting how lifestyle diseases are spreading beyond cities. "Obesity is rising due to increasing intake of ultra-processed foods and changing food patterns. This is a serious public health concern," Nadda said.

The minister called food safety a "science in action," urging people to understand its real-life impact on the body and mind.

To raise early awareness, NCERT will introduce lessons on healthy eating habits in school curricula. "It's not enough to say a drink is high in sugar — children should also know how many calories it contains. Only then can we build lasting awareness," Nadda said. The Union minister stressed the need for reducing oil consumption by at least 10% and urged families to return to traditional Indian foods, which he described as more balanced than modern processed options. "Eat right' is your right, but it's a right you must consciously exercise," he said.

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Jayant Narlikar

MUSK vs TRUMP SAGA: WHITE HOUSE OF CARDS

IN the 1970s' blockbuster *Sholay*, Dharmendra, sitting atop the water tank, tells the villagers that his story has "drama, emotion, tragedy". The Trump vs Musk spat has all that and more—the alchemy of loyalty and betrayal, of power facing off against money. It is the kind of reality drama that inspires fiction. The spectacle of the battle between the most powerful man and the richest man, each deploying surround-sound platforms to spew vitriol, had millions riveted and posting puns, from 'I hate my X' to 'Trump is now Elon's X'.

The fusillade of emotions and emojis streaming live on Musk's X and Trump's Truth Social has brought out shades of *House of Cards*. Eerily, Shakespeare's observation in *Macbeth*, "the nearer, the bloodier", was manifest in real life. Till the other day, the duo was gushing effusive praise. Musk, bearing the moniker of 'First Buddy', famously tweeted, "I love @realDonaldTrump as much as a straight man can love another man." Trump anointed Musk as "one of the greatest business leaders and innovators the world has ever produced".

By Thursday night, the Big Beautiful Bromance plummeted from disagreement to diatribe. Musk morphed from being miffed to mutinous. He claimed Trump would have lost without him, dropped the Epstein allegation and called for impeachment. Trump travelled from disappointment to threats of cutting federal funding to declaring that Elon "has lost his mind". By late night, interlocutors were urging the duo to make up.

THE THIRD EYE

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In *House of Cards*, Frank Underwood says, "Power is a lot like real estate. It's all about location, location, location. The closer you are to the source, the higher your property value." On November 8, Tesla's stock valuation touched the $1-trillion mark as Musk was seen as a beneficiary of Trump's return to power. As he distanced from Trump and while the investors watched the war of words, Tesla's stock fell over 14 percent and lost over $150 billion in market value. Between January and June, the stock has slid from $426 to $284.

History shows that power tames money power. In 1934, a group of American icons led by Jouett Shouse, former chair of the Democratic National Committee, Pierre, Irenee and Lammot DuPont, Alfred Sloan of General Motors, Edward F Hutton of General Foods, J Howard Pew of Sun Oil, Ernest Weir and others set up the American Liberty League. Their aim: oppose the New Deal unveiled by President Franklin D Roosevelt. The league denounced the New Deal as both socialist and fascist. FDR, in his re-election campaign in 1936, focused on the league and called them 'economic royalists'. He thwarted the 'Wall Street putsch' and was re-elected.

FDR was not the only US president who faced frenemies. Ted Roosevelt fell out with John Rockefeller over the break-up of Standard Oil. Henry Ford and Woodrow Wilson collaborated on wage policies before falling out on US neutrality in WWI. William Randolph Hearst, who popularised 'America First', fought with successive presidents. Ross Perot opposed the policies of Ronald Reagan, critiqued George H W Bush on NAFTA and Bill Clinton over government spending. The spats haven't daunted regimes from choosing businessmen as treasury secretaries—from Andrew Mellon to Scott Bessent.

The Trump-Musk break-up, to quote a cliché, was written in the stars. The two are from different worlds in different time zones, with a great appreciation of the self. Arguably, this was a partnership that was too good to last—and the count of people with 'I told so' placards is now a legion. Those pushed around may well have remembered Henry Kissinger's quip "It's a pity both sides can't lose", uttered during the Iran-Iraq war. As the feud played out, memes of Vladimir Putin offering to negotiate a ceasefire between the two surfaced.

Musk was not a Trump groupie to start with. It is useful to remember that Musk's first foray into the Washington circles was in the Obama era, during the rollout of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Musk used a $465-million federal loan to set up his plant in California, and got attention for SpaceX when Obama visited its Florida facility. Indeed, Musk was not pro-Trump even in 2016; he became a groupie only in 2024, following the assassination attempt on DJT. Musk put his money where his mouth was and donated over $290 million to Trump and the Republicans.

To be fair, Musk didn't always couch his words or hide his opinion. Tariffs are the main plank of Trumponomics and Musk never quite agreed with higher tariffs, and even said trade tsar Peter Navarro is a "moron". Having led the department of government efficiency and funded senators, Musk believed he had a say on debt and deficit, on the 'big, beautiful bill'. When he wasn't heard and edged out, Musk took to calling the bill "abominable" and campaigned to kill it. An outsider who found his way inside the Trump camp is, verily, outside again.

The saga of the politician-businessman nexus and fallout is neither new nor dying anytime soon. There is no predicting how the Trump vs Musk battle will play out. Last heard, Trump seemed in no mood to talk.

The episode holds a salutary tutorial for the hegemons of the tech world and elsewhere. An observation of Michael Dobbs of *House of Cards* merits attention: "Politics requires sacrifice… the sacrifice of others, of course."

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IN the tawdry arena of Indian politics, where family factions fan fraternal fury, power is the only prize worth snatching. Telangana's Bharat Rashtra Samithi has unleashed a sibling slugfest that could shame a reality show. K Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter, K Kavitha, has lobbed a grenade at her father's legacy, accusing his "devilish" advisors of plotting a BJP merger, while her brother, K T Rama Rao, clings to the party's helm like a captain on a sinking skiff. Kavitha's Telangana Jagruthi office is less a haven of goodwill and more a bunker for her rebellion.

This isn't just a Telangana tantrum, but a symptom of a festering rot in India's regional political dynasties, where siblings, nephews and sons brawl over political capital of caste, community and regional pride. From the BRS's Telugu heartland to the NCP's Maratha bastions, the SP's Yadav strongholds, the RJD's OBC fiefdom, the BSP's Dalit dreams, the TMC's Bengali fervour, the DMK's Dravidian roots, and the PMK's Vanniyar base—these parties thrive on social and regional identities, yet their family feuds threaten to unravel them. The reward is votes, loyalty and legacy.

Can these political clans survive their infighting? Will prosperity and education bury them? And what does their fate mean for India's political future? The BRS, forged in the fire of the Telangana statehood movement, banks on Telugu pride against Andhra's shadow. Kavitha's post-jail revolt and KTR's dogged control expose a rift that could splinter this identity. KCR, the Telangana titan, stays mute; but his children's clash risks alienating voters who rallied for statehood. The BRS's regional clout teeters as Telangana's urban boom fuels demands for accountability over dynasty. If the BRS disintegrates, the BJP and Congress, already circling, will swoop in, with the BJP's nationalist pitch and Congress's welfare promises luring urban and rural voters. Consolidation, though unlikely, would make the BRS a regional kingmaker, forcing national parties to court it for coalitions, amplifying Telangana's voice in Delhi.

In Bihar, the Rashtriya Janata Dal leans on its OBC and Muslim vote bank, and Lalu Prasad Yadav's anti-elite legacy. His sons, Tej Pratap and Tejashwi, are locked in a clownish feud as Tej Pratap's social media rant about "Jaichands" and a 12-year romance clash with Tejashwi's steady hand as Lalu's heir. The RJD's political now wobbles as Tej Pratap's antics, in the backdrop of his estranged wife Aishwarya's lament, alienate voters. If the RJD fractures, Bihar's educated youth craving jobs over drama could turn to the BJP's development narrative or Nitish Kumar's JD(U) again. Consolidation under Tejashwi would bolster the RJD's clout, challenging the BJP's dominance and forcing the Congress to play second fiddle in alliances.

SOURAV ROY

UP's Samajwadi Party (SP), rooted in Yadav and OBC identity, still stings from its 2016 family feud, when Akhilesh Yadav ousted uncle Shivpal, costing the party the 2017 election. Akhilesh now wields the SP's political clout consisting of its caste-based vote bank. But UP's urbanising youth, less swayed by caste, demand results. If the SP splinters further, the BJP with its Hindutva and development mix will tighten its grip on the state, leaving the Congress to pick up scraps. A unified SP leveraging its Yadav-Muslim base could challenge the BJP's hegemony, forcing national parties to negotiate hard for UP's 80 Lok Sabha seats.

Maharashtra's NCP, built on Maratha pride and rural networks, is reeling from Ajit Pawar's 2023 betrayal splitting from Sharad Pawar and his daughter Supriya Sule to join the BJP. Ajit's grab for the NCP's name, symbol and the Maratha vote bank left Supriya's faction scrambling. If the split persists, the BJP and its ally Shiv Sena will dominate the state, with the Congress gaining marginal urban votes. A reunited NCP, though a long shot, could reclaim its kingmaker status, forcing national parties to vie for its support in coalition games.

The BSP, anchored in Dalit empowerment, is Mayawati's fortress. Her anointment of brother Anand Kumar and nephew Aakash screams of nepotism. Its political capital is its Jatav Dalit base, which is slipping as educated Dalits drift to BJP's development promises. If the BSP collapses under dynastic weight, the BJP will absorb its voters, cementing dominance in UP, while the Congress might snag urban Dalits. Consolidation under Aakash, if Mayawati steps back, could revive the BSP's Dalit clout, challenging national parties in Uttar Pradesh's caste cauldron.

West Bengal's Trinamool Congress, fuelled by Bengali sub-nationalism, is Mamata Banerjee's domain, with nephew Abhishek Banerjee as heir. His rise as MP and party general secretary irks veterans, but Mamata's grip keeps dissent at bay. But Bengal's growing middle class demands merit. If the TMC fractures post-Mamata, the BJP's Hindutva pitch could sway voters, with the Congress a distant contender. A consolidated TMC under Abhishek could dominate Bengal, forcing national parties to cede ground in eastern coalitions.

In Tamil Nadu, the DMK thrives on Dravidian identity, championing Tamil pride and social justice. M K Stalin, Karunanidhi's son, rules unchallenged, grooming his son Udhayanidhi Stalin as successor, with hardly any overt pushback from anyone within the family or outside. The DMK's politics, comprising its Tamil base and anti-Hindi stance, is robust, but Tamil Nadu's IT-driven prosperity is breeding a youth sceptical of dynasty. In the unlikely but hypothetical situation of the DMK splintering, the BJP could gain urban footholds while the AIADMK mops up rural votes. A unified DMK, with Udhayanidhi at the helm, would keep Tamil Nadu a regional stronghold by marginalising national parties.

The Pattali Makkal Katchi, ensconced in Tamil Nadu's Vanniyar caste silo, faces collapse as S Ramadoss battles son Anbumani, who was sacked from party president's chair in April 2025 over a BJP alliance spat. Anbumani's defiance targets the PMK's political foundation. If the PMK implodes, the DMK and AIADMK will rupture its fountainhead, with the BJP gaining marginal caste votes. But a united PMK could still sway coalitions, forcing national parties to court its niche clout.

The BRS, RJD, SP, NCP, BSP, TMC, DMK and PMK hoard their clan currency shutting out outsiders, while their first families brawl. Their survival hinges on quelling these feuds, but the future looks grim. Prosperity and education are rewriting India's political script. Urbanising voters demand competence over lineage. Caste and regional loyalties, the bedrock of these parties, weaken as education fosters scepticism and prosperity prioritises results.

If these dynasties disintegrate, the national parties will feast on the remains. The BJP is poised to dominate in fragmented states like UP, Bihar, Maharashtra and Bengal, while the Congress could gain urban and minority votes. Smaller players like JD(U) or AIADMK could also scoop up regional scraps. Consolidation, though unlikely, would make these parties formidable. Come 2029, a united BRS, SP or DMK could dictate coalition terms, forcing the BJP and Congress to play ball in Delhi's power games. India's future politics will likely see national parties dominating as regional clans implode, unable to adapt to a voter base that's richer, savvier and fed up with family drama. But only if the national giants carefully navigate the rubble of dynastic detritus littered with the DNA of flawed family ambitions.

WHEN THE SOUND OF SILENCE IS PRIZED

OPINION

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Cultural critic, winner of the Swarna Kamal for film criticism, and author of *Philosophical Issues in Indian Cinema*

THE Kamal Haasan starrer *Thug Life* is in trouble in Karnataka because of the star's remark that Kannada came out of Tamil. The film industry in Karnataka has demanded an apology from him before clearing the film for release, but Kamal has refused to do so. A court in Bengaluru, too, has indicated in a statement that includes local language phrases that the sentiments of the masses cannot be hurt so casually and has thought that an apology would be required. Without that apology, the film may find it difficult to be released in Karnataka.

All South Indian languages came out of a common source that resembles them to different degrees. But if someone says that one of them came out of another, it is like equating a language as it is spoken today with that source. It has been found, for instance, that Proto-Dravidian, a reconstructed source for South Indian languages, has commonalities with a language spoken near the Zagros mountains in Iran —since the Harappans are supposed to have been a mixture of early Indians and migrants from that region. In any case, all these are academic exercises and cannot have much bearing on the controversy—because that stems from political loyalties and beliefs.

The creation of linguistic states was a rational decision, but it had major repercussions that were not anticipated. It created language loyalties in pockets where Hindi was not widely spoken, like South India. The Devanagari script is associated with Sanskrit, which has Brahminical associations, and language in South India has thus also become connected to caste issues.

Caste is a key political issue—especially in Tamil-speaking regions even from the colonial era—and language has become a burning issue by association. Opposition to Hindi in South India is, therefore, much more complicated than mere antagonism towards a language. Language loyalties build chauvinism and that tends to spread; once it spreads, local hostilities tend to fester based on language.

Public sentiment is an issue that needs to be examined, but it can be nebulous since there is no way of accurately knowing what the 'public' feels. But sections of it find leaders, even if their popularity is never actually tested.

When the sentiments of an ethnic group are hurt, it is usually a leadership launching a campaign as a way of addressing that community. When language is an issue, film industry stalwarts often ascend to the position of leaders with widespread tacit approval. Campaigns of this sort are even deemed necessary for leaders.

The politics of language can be deeply divisive in South India because it has mixed with caste consciousness for decades. Even by saying something seemingly innocuous, Kamal Haasan has stepped on an old faultline

Kamal Haasan is not just any film star but one with political ambitions. Stardom in cinema may lead to political success, but on studying successful stars in South India, one finds they have either a had dominant caste group behind them—as in Telugu cinema, where N T Rama Rao was a Kamma and Chiranjeevi is Kapu—or they emerged from an existing political movement—like M G Ramachandran in Tamil Nadu. Ambarish in Karnataka was a Vokkaliga, a dominant *jati* group.

Kamal Haasan is a Brahmin in state that has been strident anti-Brahmin politics since the 1920s. He may have just found a secure way into the Rajya Sabha, but it has been through the good offices of the DMK. Given the planks the DMK stands on, Kamal Haasan has to exhibit enough Tamil nationalism to counterbalance his caste identity.

One of the most underrated qualities that a politician can possess in the present political climate is perhaps the capacity to remain silent. Silence can also create controversies, but those controversies are usually mild. If a leader must speak out, it is best done through vacuous phrases and lofty sentiments—that no one believes in, but to which exception cannot be taken either. The trick is to be very voluble without admitting anything in public that anyone can latch on to.

The eulogy of a language can become very useful in politics, but only in the territory associated with that language. Any drawing of a relationship between that language and another would be fraught with danger, since that would amount to taking sides. Now that Kamal Haasan has spoken, he will find it hard to retract it. Something that seems innocuous can make life difficult in politics.

QUOTE CORNER

Since day one, my father has been a Test cricket fan. He doesn't like this new-age cricket. I still remember the day I scored 264 runs in an ODI. He was like, well played. But if I would get even 50-60 runs in a Test, he used to talk to me about it in detail. My father has seen me playing a lot of cricket with the red ball. He was a little disappointed when I announced the retirement.

Rohit Sharma, who scored 4,301 runs in 67 Tests, at a book launch

It's a genocide carried out by an army against women and children... And then they come and say it's 'anti-semitism'? The victimhood mentality needs to stop.

Lula da Silva, Brazilian president, at a news conference in Paris

We are ready to facilitate the conclusion of a peace deal between D and E for a reasonable fee and to accept Starlink shares as payment.

Dmitry Medvedev, former Russian president, in a sarcastic post on X

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Stampede country

Ref: *Euphoria for RCB turns into tragedy for Bengaluru* (Jun 6). Stampedes after stampedes are happening in India unabated wherever large gatherings take place—be it at a religious congregation, a sporting event or a bridge crossing. The one at Chinnaswamy stadium, where 11 young lives were lost, is heart-rending. Had the organisers done a little bit of planning based on the lessons from recent stampedes, it would have been avoided. By now, the country should have evolved a standard operating procedure for large events.

Chandrasekharam P, Bengaluru

Preventable tragedy

Ref: *'Government trying to wash hands of tradegy'* (Jun 7). The government acted hastily in arresting four and transferring top cops. It played safe by replacing the CM's political secretary. The political blame games will soon fade. The government knows pretty well that tragedy could have been avoided had the government heeded a senior police officer's warning against holding the event in the stadium.

P V Prakash, Mumbai

Valuing life

Ref: Road to justice for Bengaluru XI (Jun 7). The death of fans celebrating RCB's win outside the Chinnaswamy stadium is extremely tragic. But as seems normal in our country, there was death and damage outside the stadium while our cricketers and politicians were celebrating inside. It's as if human lives didn't matter.

C K Suresh, Tiruchirappalli

Cut impact

Ref: *RBI's bold rate cuts should spur private spending* (Jun 7). The rate cut may be a double delight for borrowers but , for senior citizens like me, it is a double disappointment. We are dependent on the interest we get from fixed deposits. This announcement will result in a further reduction. Just last month, the rates were reduced by 0.25 percent. Now they will be further reduced. If this trend continues, senior citizens are destined to carry the burden of growth and may soon become a burden on society.

H S Gopal, Bengaluru

Bromance over

Ref: *Republicans want Trump, Musk to bury hatche*t (Jun 7). The honeymoon between the world's most powerful politician and the richest man is over all of a sudden. It was apparent that fissures would erupt sooner than later between Trump and Musk because of the unilateral tariffs imposed by the former, adversely affecting many businesses having offshore manufacturing units like Tesla. The tariff war has already been affecting the world economy; now the break-up does not augur well for the US and the world.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Politicising symbol

Ref: *Tensions flare again between Kerala govt and governor* (Jun 6). The decision of Kerala Governor Rajendra Arlekar to retain the image of Bharat Mata astride a lion in the Raj Bhavan for a World Environment Day event is symbolic and sound. Bharat Mata is a revered national personification deeply embedded in India's cultural consciousness. The governor was simply reinforcing national pride. P Prasad's decision to boycott the event appears petty and politically motivated. Instead of focusing on the event's substance, he chose to spotlight a non-issue. This undermines the state's larger interests.

K A Solaman, Alappuzha

Atmanirbhar advances

Ref: *Dassault Aviation partners with Tata Advanced Systems to manufacture Rafale jet fuselage in India* (Jun 5). The ₹63,000 crore deal envisages full aircraft production in Hyderabad by 2030. The collaborations also include one with Lockheed Martin for components. Simultaneously, Tata is building Apache AH-64 fuselages and setting up an Airbus C-295 assembly line in Vadodara. Applaud is warranted for the Make in India initiatives.

R S Narula, Patiala

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh

There is chaos in the management of the Indian Railways which no frequent and glitzy inaugurations can compensate for.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath

Under the leadership of PM, 11 historic years are being completed, bringing happiness and prosperity in the lives of the farmers of India.

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51

It is unfortunate that the BJP govt is unable to provide social security to orphan children due to which they are forced to beg.

Lesson Learnt: Op Sindoor a new normal, but resurgence possible

Experts say significance of operation lies in the message it sends and the evolving military strategy it represents

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA'S decisive multi-day joint military offensive—Operation Sindoor—signals a fundamental doctrinal shift in how the country deals with cross-border terrorism. The strikes on nine high-value targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) between May 7 and May 10 were a direct retaliation to the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam on April 22. While the mission was deemed successful in hitting terrorist infrastructure, defence experts say it's real significance lies in the message it sends and the evolving military strategy it represents.

Former Indian Army Chief Gen. MM Naravane put it succinctly: "While the military operations might have come to a stop, it is not a ceasefire." The operations, though complete for now, are likely just a phase in an ongoing recalibration of India's security posture—one that experts believe marks a new normal, albeit with the caveat that future flare-ups remain a distinct possibility.

Strategic Targeting, Symbolic Messaging

India has long maintained that it possesses irrefutable evidence of Pakistan's state-backed support for terrorism. Groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), both designated terror organisations, have been accused of receiving training, weapons, and financial support from Pakistani state actors.

Operation Sindoor's target selection was deeply symbolic and strategically precise. The Indian Air Force and Army struck Bahawalpur and Muridke—respectively the headquarters of JeM and LeT—both located deep within Pakistan's territory. "This operation has yet again reinforced that India will not spare the enemies of the Indian state," General Naravane told TNIE.

The strikes underscored a clear doctrinal message: geography is no longer a protective shield for those orchestrating terror attacks on Indian soil.

Combat Under Watchful Eyes

The two-week delay between the Pahalgam killings and the start of Operation Sindoor raised questions—but it was a calculated pause. During this window, Pakistani forces had gone on high alert, anticipating Indian retaliation. Despite this, Indian forces proceeded, fully aware that the element of surprise was diminished.

"We knew the enemy was prepared and vigilant," an Indian Air Force officer said. "To hit the targets even in such conditions was the goal... We were prepared with other plans in case the enemy's counter was seen jeopardising our mission."

India's successful execution of strikes under such scrutiny demonstrated tactical adaptability. Forces adjusted their operations in real-time, reacting to Pakistan's deployment of drones and surface-to-air missile systems. The emphasis remained on precision targeting, using guided munitions to ensure only terrorist infrastructure was neutralised, avoiding civilian areas.

Evolving Military Doctrine

India's counter-terror strategy has undergone a visible evolution since the 2016 surgical strikes and the 2019 Balakot airstrike. Operation Sindoor is the third major retaliatory operation—and the most complex yet. Former Army Chief Naravane noted, "The 2025 strikes on nine targets have proclaimed the turn in India's strategy to defeat Pakistan's proxy war."

What distinguishes this operation is not just the intensity but the scale and scope. Pakistani military posts along the 740-km Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu region were targeted. According to Home Minister Amit Shah, the Border Security Force (BSF) alone destroyed 118 Pakistani posts and disrupted surveillance systems used to provide cover fire for infiltrating terrorists.

Gen. Naravane added, "The message to the Pakistan Army, which actively assists the jihadis infiltrating into India, is that it will keep getting penalised for the support it provides."

Dismantling the Nuclear Deterrent Narrative

A major takeaway from Operation Sindoor was India's assertion of deterrence despite the looming shadow of Pakistan's tactical nuclear weapons. Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria of the Centre for Land Warfare Studies argued, "We've lived under [the nuclear threat] too long." The absence of nuclear sabre-rattling this time was notable.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri reinforced this observation, noting that India halted its operations after achieving stated objectives—a move reflecting a mature and responsible power. This restraint undermined Western narratives of South Asia being a nuclear flashpoint prone to irrational escalation.

Drones as Force Multipliers

Another defining feature of Operation Sindoor was the extensive use of drones—not just for surveillance, but as offensive assets. The operation mirrored global trends seen in Ukraine and elsewhere, demonstrating that drones offer a high return on relatively low investment.

India employed modified legacy systems alongside modern counter-UAV technologies, showcasing innovation under pressure. Gen. Bhadauria noted that drones will play an increasingly decisive role in asymmetric conflicts, especially where the adversary has conventional weaknesses. He flagged Taiwan as a potential future theatre where similar drone tactics could be employed.

Prepare for the Next Phase

Despite its success, experts warn that Operation Sindoor is not the final chapter. Maj Gen Ashok Kumar, Director General, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, said, "Stopping military operations under Operation Sindoor is just a pause. Nobody knows when it will resurge—after a month, six months, or a year—but it will."

He emphasised that India's preparedness must extend beyond tactical responses to include long-term investments in indigenous capability development. "The concepts of war have changed. Earlier, it was about losing battles but winning wars. Now, escalation cycles are short, and one must be ahead at every phase."

The May 7–10 operations, he added, were tactically superior on each day, with India maintaining escalation dominance. "Pakistan carried out a terror attack; we destroyed terrorist infrastructure in PoK and Pakistan. Then they used their sensors and seekers to target Indian assets—we responded by destroying their air defence radars. When they tried to escalate further, we rendered their air bases non-operational."

A New Normal, Not an End

With Operation Sindoor, India has decisively shifted from a posture of reactive defence to preemptive and punitive strikes. This marks a transformation in how the country perceives and engages with state-backed non-state actors. The operation reinforced that deterrence today is not merely about strategic depth, but about speed, precision, and clear intent.

However, as both Gen. Naravane and Gen. Kumar caution, this is not the end—it is a redefinition of how India will respond. The old playbook of letting infiltrators cross the LoC before acting has been replaced by deep, coordinated, and high-impact action. Yet the cycle of provocation and response continues, and India must remain ready for the next round.

As India adapts to this new paradigm, the task ahead lies in translating operational successes into lasting strategic outcomes—and ensuring that deterrence is not just established, but sustained.

VIJAY MALLYA

REBRANDING A PERSONA

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I define a brand simply. The brand is a thought. A thought that lives on in a person's mind.

This week, one such personal brand that lives in our collective thoughts jumped out of the blue and back into our public consciousness. Dr Vijay Mallya. While many who write on Vijay Mallya avoid the honorific, I still use it. The idea is to preserve what he wanted to be addressed as in public space, never mind the fact that he is a 'fugitive' on the run out of India accused in alleged economic offences done in India.

In many ways, I stoked the fire. I put up a LinkedIn post right after the stellar IPL win by RCB. The Royal Challengers were no longer challengers, they were champions. In my post I said a simple thing: "As we celebrate the success of RCB @18, it is important for brands to credit those who deserve it. RCB is today an IPL sensation. A business sensation even. It took a lot. Every brand has 'nayaks' & 'khalnayaks'. The role of Mallya as the builder of RCB cannot be forgotten. We must speak the correct along with the politically-incorrect." I ended with, "What say?"

I have some 1,76,000-plus impressions on the post, growing by the minute. And people said a lot. I got a lot of flak. And crazily, a lot of admiration for calling a spade a spade. This got me thinking. And right then dropped the VM podcast. All this was preceded by his posts that told the world at large and his 5.6 million followers that he was still avidly tracking the IPL, ball by ball. In the podcast, VM said sorry to the Kingfisher Airlines staff whom he had left high and dry after the fiasco. He jolly well needed to. This is his big crime of omission and commission.

The VM brand does not seem to be down and out, as most believe him to be. He is alive and kicking. And kicking a lot after the RCB win.

As Brand VM is in focus again, let me quickly examine what went wrong and what went right for it. What went right first. VM did well when he decided to get his branding act right. He decided to step out of the mould of his father, the renowned Vittal Mallya. He realised that the business of spirits needed a spirited imagery that all the boring use of film stars in surrogate advertising could not handle.

He decided to be the persona both behind and in front of the brand. Richard Branson and his persona-centric bravado branding was a model he adopted with passion. He was quickly and quietly labelled "The king of good times". His Kingfisher Villa in Goa became party central and his parties became the best pieces of brand advertising there was to follow. He looked at the Pirelli calendar format and created the eagerly awaited Kingfisher bikini calendar. He said Kingfisher was surely more than a beer and took to fashion through the Manoviraj Khosla route. Kingfisher was a lifestyle statement he was making.

A lot more happened in consumer psyche. Please note, brands are owned in consumers' minds. Slowly, an otherwise very hard-working VM was branded as a party-goer on the loose. Never mind that VM worked 15 hour days, his party appearances mattered more to the imagery that was built around him.

Overt flaunt was the model. Page 3 was more important than the cover of Fortune and Forbes to this consumer imagery that was built assiduously. Never mind the truth, whether you liked to party or not, you had to fit the role and do just that. Your karma was in place. And karma can bite.

In many ways, it's persona branding that got VM. The key visual elements of being larger than life, the splurger, being the king of good times, and the party guy on the loose in his brand imagery kit got him. VM got painted as the frivolous boy, the spoilt brat.

When the business, corporate and political classes wanted a piece of the frivolous pie, it went to him. When things went south, everyone distanced themselves. Everyone around him, close friends included, seemed to cut their losses. And that is the tragedy of persona branding gone wrong.

There is a lesson in it for everyone who wants to dabble in persona branding. My completely unsolicited advice is: don't. Just be who you are. You be you. Be straight. Be honest. If you are a thug, live the thug life. If you love your curd-rice after your evening peg of single-malt, show just that to the public. Stop embracing a persona that stultifies you and your being.

When you do persona branding wrong, you do branding wrong. VM did it wrong. Maybe the other VM, Vittal Mallya, did it right. Vittal Mallya has the prestigious road that runs in front of UB City in Bengaluru named after him. I am afraid Dr Vijay Mallya will never have that honour, honorific or not.

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NEWSMAKER

Rahul says evasive reply as EC refutes Maha poll 'rigging'

PREETHA NAIR/RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AS Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi stepped up the heat on the Election Commission of India (ECI) alleging 'match-fixing" in the 2024 Maharashtra assembly polls Saturday, a heated exchange broke out with both sides coming out in defence of their arguments.

The BJP launched a sharp counter-attack against Congress leader, with party president JP Nadda dismissing his article as a "blueprint for manufacturing a fake narrative."

In an article published in both English and various vernacular newspapers, Gandhi alleged that the Maharashtra poll "match-fixing" would next happen in Bihar elections and "anywhere the BJP is losing".

In a post on X, he said, "My article shows how this happened, step by step: Step 1: Rig the panel for appointing the Election Commission. Step 2: Add fake voters to the roll. Step 3: Inflate voter turnout. Step 4: Target the bogus voting exactly where the BJP needs to win. Step 5: Hide the evidence."

Gandhi said fixed elections are a "poison" for any democracy, and the side that cheats may win the game, but it damages institutions and destroys public faith. Gandhi had also alleged that voter turnout figures were inflated.

Refuting the charges, the EC said in a statement that Gandhi is trying to defame the Commission and the claims are completely absurd. On the issue of alleged fudging of electoral data, EC sources said Congress candidates or their authorised agents had not raised "any substantiated allegation" regarding any kind of abnormal voting at the time of scrutiny before the returning officers and election observers the next day.

The BJP launched a sharp counterattack against Gandhi accusing him of undermining democratic institutions and eroding public trust in the electoral process.

Responding to EC's source based information, Gandhi wrote on X that releasing unsigned, evasive notes to intermediaries is not the way to respond to serious questions. "You are a Constitutional body. If you have nothing to hide, answer the questions in my article and prove it by. Evasion won't protect your credibility. Telling the truth will," he said.

Panel to track Dark Patterns, e-com platforms told to conduct self-audits

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Central Consumer Protection Authority had issued an advisory to e-commerce platforms to conduct self-audits within three months to detect 'dark patterns' and take necessary steps to ensure its resolution.

In order to identify and eradicate 'dark patterns', the government has constituted a Joint Working Group (JWG) and advised e-commerce platforms to comply with Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023.

"The e-commerce platforms, based on the self-audit reports, have also encouraged to give self-declarations that their platform is not indulging in any dark patterns. The self-declarations by the platforms will enable fair digital ecosystem along with building trust between consumers and e-commerce platforms," a government release said.

A "dark pattern" refers to a deceptive design technique employed in user interfaces that misleads users or coerces them into making unintended choices. This practice undermines consumer autonomy, decision-making, and overall choice.

The government has so far specified 13 dark patterns, namely: false urgency, basket sneaking, confirm shaming, forced action, subscription trap, interface interference, bait and switch, drip pricing, disguised advertisements and nagging, trick wording, saas billing and rogue malwares.

The Department of Consumers Affairs has constituted a JWG comprising representatives from concerned Ministries, regulators, voluntary consumer organisations and NLUs. The group shall update the department also suggest appropriate awareness programmes for awaring the consumers.

'Kisan Samman': PM says committed to farmer welfare

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reaffirmed his government's commitment to farmers. Marking the 11th anniversary of the flagship 'Kisan Samman' scheme, Modi assured the farming community that the Centre's welfare efforts would continue with renewed dedication.

"It's our privilege to serve our hardworking farmers. Over the past 11 years, our various initiatives have boosted farmers' prosperity while transforming the agriculture sector. By focusing on critical issues like soil health and irrigation, we've delivered significant benefits. Our commitment to farmer welfare will only intensify moving forward," the PM said.

He highlighted key initiatives, including PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and Kisan Fasal Bima. He noted that farmers who previously needed loans for basic requirements now benefit from annual cash assistance and loan insurance schemes.

Modi emphasised the transformative impact of his government's farmer-centric policies over the past decade, describing it as an era of d prosperity for agriculture.

He stressed that continuous hikes in MSP have ensured fair compensation while boosting incomes. Official communications described the mission as "empowering Annadatas" and "strengthening India's backbone". "From facing debt, our farmers now enjoy dignity through direct income support, better prices, modern infrastructure, and global market access," the government said.

The government communication said no farmer is left behind under Modi's leadership. It said notable achievements include: Establishment of 43,000 Farmer Producer Organisations, integration of 15,000 mandis on the e-NAM portal, digital enrollment of nearly 2 crore farmers, MSP allocations growing from ₹7.41 lakh crore to ₹23.61 lakh crore, and agricultural support increasing nearly threefold from ₹8.5 lakh crore to ₹25.49 lakh crore.

Need to treat extreme heat as global crisis, says Mishra

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE National and State Disaster Mitigation Funds (SDMF) in India can now be used for heat wave mitigation. This development enables local governments, private sector players, NGOs, and individuals to co-finance prevention and mitigation projects, promoting a sense of shared responsibility, PK Mishra, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised.

Mishra announced this significant policy shift while addressing the special session on Extreme Heat Risk Governance in Geneva on Friday. He underscored the urgent need to treat extreme heat as a global crisis, aligning with the call made by the UN Secretary-General.

Delivering the keynote address, he highlighted that rising temperatures are posing systemic threats to public health, economic stability, and ecological resilience. He added that India supports the UNDRR's initiative to promote the Common Framework for Extreme Heat Risk Governance as a platform for shared learning, guidance, and collaboration.

Pointing to the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, Dr Mishra remarked, "India has taken a proactive and forward-thinking approach to extreme heat risk management."

FLARE UP

Tension gripped the Durgadi Fort area in Kalyan on Saturday when workers belonging to both factions of Shiv Sena tried to reach the goddess Durga temple while Eid ul-Azha prayers were being offered.

2 DIE IN UP'S BARABANKI AS BIKES, AUTO COLLIDE

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Jaipur	41	29	Patna	37	31
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Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	27	26
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	27	14	Chandigarh	39	28

After being 'kidnapped' by 22-year-old man from western Madhya Pradesh, she was found 900 km away at a village in Uttar Pradesh

14-yr-old Jhabua tribal girl rescued after 16-hr ops

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Kidnapper had developed a bond with teenager before eloping with her

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Cops grilling accused to ascertain possible link to gang of kidnappers

The matter was reported by the girl's family to the Jhabua district police in the afternoon, after which two teams were formed and a hunt for the kidnapped girl started at around 4 pm. A kidnapping case was registered at Ranapur police station. After the girl was rescued, she was brought back safely to her home in Ranapur (Jhabua) and reunited with her family. Police are questioning the arrested kidnapper to ascertain whether he has some criminal past or is linked to any organised gang of kidnappers.

A 14-year-old tribal girl who was kidnapped by a 22-year-old man from western Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district was recently rescued from a village 900 km away in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur Dehat district – following a 16-hour police operation. Two years ago, 20-year-old Govind Naik, originally from the Auraiya district of central UP, came to Ranapur town in western MP's Jhabua district with a group of street-side garment sellers and began living and trading there.

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Over the course of two years, the bond between Govind and the teenage tribal girl deepened, and finally, he eloped with her on May 31.

By the time the girl's family realised that it was Govind who had taken her away, the duo had already reached Indore (150 km from Jhabua) and boarded a bus to Gwalior.

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"We formed two police teams and started probing the matter. Knowing well that we would question his key contacts, Govind continued to mislead them, telling them over the phone that he was bound to the adjoining area despite actually being on his way to his home state, UP. He kept telling his contacts that he was moving from Dahod to Godhra in Gujarat. Using sophisticated scientific investigation tools, the police tracked his live location in MP's Guna district, which confirmed that he was headed to UP," a senior Jhabua district police officer told TNIE on Saturday.

Two teams of Jhabua police left to nab Govind and rescue the girl at 4 pm, but they were almost six and a half hours behind Govind and the kidnapped girl. After deboarding the bus, the youth took the girl in another hired vehicle to the adjoining UP, but instead of going to his home district, he preferred to take her to the Kanpur Dehat district of central UP, where his sister is married. While the hunt for the kidnapped girl continued by the police, unmindful that his location was being continuously updated by the Jhabua district police to their two teams chasing them, Govind continued to tell his contacts about travelling further into Gujarat for some important work.

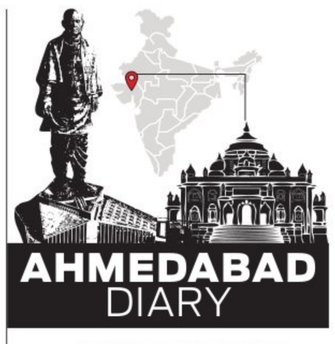
He ultimately reached his sister's village in Kanpur Dehat on May 31 and June 1, intervening night, and stayed there. With his location getting stabilised at one point, the Jhabua police from MP contacted their counterparts in central UP's Kanpur Dehat, after which the police rescued the girl from the alleged kidnapper's sister's village.

The kidnapper Govind, however, managed to escape but was nabbed a few hours later from a neighbouring village, ultimately ending a successful police operation which started at 4 pm on May 31 and ended at around 8 am on June 1.

"The accused kept on telling his contacts that he was headed to Gujarat, just to hoodwink us, but the police turned out smarter and, using the latest scientific and digital technology, kept on tracking his movement. It was subsequently with the help of UP police that the kidnapped girl was successfully rescued and the kidnapper too tracked and arrested," Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district police superintendent Padam Vilochan Shukla said.

The rescued girl was subsequently brought back safely to her home in Ranapur (Jhabua) and reunited with her family. Police are questioning the arrested kidnapper to ascertain whether he has some criminal past or is linked to any organized gang of kidnappers.

The cops are particularly probing about the possibility of him being part of some girl trafficking racket.



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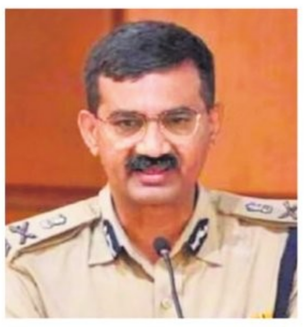
Much ado about who will be state's next top cop

With Gujarat DGP Vikas Sahay set to retire on June 30, the grapevine is abuzz with speculation about who will step into his shoes. There is also chatter about a possible three-month extension for Sahay that could delay the decision and buy the government more time to decide on a successor. In the running for the much-coveted top post are Ahmedabad Police Commissioner GS Malik and senior IPS officer KLN Rao. While the latter will superannuate in October 2027, Malik will retire in November 2028. With the Jagannath Rath Yatra approaching, a decision in this regard is imminent.



Gujarat Cong struggling to keep its flock together

Barely two months after the Congress' high-octane national convention in Gujarat, where leaders pledged unity, cracks have appeared in the party. On June 4, state party spokesperson Amit Naik announced on Facebook that he was quitting. But he didn't stop there. He lobbed grave allegations against city president Himmatsinh Patel and called out state chief Shaktisinh Gohil for attempting to sideline him. Patel was quick to hit back at Naik, calling his charge an attempt to gain "cheap publicity". The internecine strife may cost the party dear in polls. So much for Rahul Gandhi's efforts to revamp the state unit.

Battle for Visavadar hots up as AAP, BJP spar

The battle for Gujarat's Visavadar bypoll seat is on. With the election day not far away, the BJP and AAP are locked in a war of words. On June 3, BJP's Kirit Patel claimed to have met the CM with 22 sarpanches to demand that 13 villages be removed from forest zones. He asked voters, "Do you want a letter writer or someone who gets results?" AAP's Gopal Italia hit back in Gadtha, mocking Patel's "letter politics" and questioning the BJP's failure to act. He warned voters of "more crocodile tears" and alleged the letter was just a smokescreen to hide deep-rooted corruption.

150 Pak contacts found on cellphone of Punjab YouTuber held for spying

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

ABOUT 150 suspicious Pakistani numbers were found on the contact list in the mobile phone of Punjab-based YouTuber Jasbir Singh arrested on June 4 on charges of spying for ISI, police said.

A senior police official said, "Singh had met Lahore-based Nasir Dhillon on four trips to Pakistan after they connected as fellow vloggers." Police are investigating the role of Dhillon who runs YouTube channel Punjabi Lehar and his potential links to Pakistani intelligence. He reportedly helped facilitate Singh's visa and visits. Singh was produced before the local court in Mohali on Saturday after his three-day police remand ended. Police sought a seven-day remand but the court granted them two more days of custody, said Singh's counsel.

Police officials suspect that Singh might have deleted sensitive data from his mobile phone before his arrest. A forensic examination of the device is underway to recover any communications with Pakistani handlers.

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Singh's ties with suspected operative Haryana-based YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra and Pakistani intelligence officer Shakir 'Jutt Randhawa' are also being investigated. Singh was allegedly in close touch with Malhotra who ran a YouTube channel 'Travel with JO'. She was arrested last month by the Haryana police and is presently in custody on charges of spying for Pakistan. After Singh's arrest, police had claimed that it unearthed a "terror-backed espionage network" linking him to Pakistani intelligence and army officials. Police are also investigating Singh's financial background. Before he became a YouTuber, he was employed as a cook in a European country. But now he is building a house in his village, raising questions about his sources of income.

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A senior police official

Waqf Board imposes ceiling of ₹1,100 on religious heads

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A circular by the Chhattisgarh State Waqf Board imposing a ceiling of ~ 1,100 for performing Nikah sermons has sparked significant backlash from several Muslim religious scholars and intellectuals who deem the move "unnecessary".

As per the Waqf Board's directive, the Imam or Maulvi can now officiate a Nikah while charging a maximum of fee ~ 1,100.

Waqf Board chairman Salim Raj said, "The Islamic Shariat advocates that the Nikah ceremony is meant to be simple, easy, affordable and full of blessings. Why should poor families then suffer? He elucidated that he issued the directive after an Imam was found refusing to perform Nikah for a poor family who couldn't afford to pay ~ 5,100.

However, Qazi-e-Shahar Raipur Mohammed Ali Farooqi said that fixing the amount for performing Nikah is not justified. "If anyone can afford only ~ 500, then will the Waqf Board pay the remaining amount to Imam?" he asked.

"No imam demands money for officiating Nikah with sermons. Such an order by the Waqf Board is uncalled for", said Nauman Akram, general secretary of All India Ulema Mashayak Board Chhattisgarh.

Some Muslim scholars, however, contradicted the Waqf Board chairman.

Copter makes emergency landing on road in U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

Not a one-off incident; mishaps frequent in hill state

The region has seen several accidents in 14 years, resulting in significant loss of life. Last month, for instance, a chopper en route from Sirsi to Kedarnath made an emergency landing just short of helipad. Luckily, all six of the occupants had escaped the episode unharmed.

A helicopter ferrying pilgrims to the revered Kedarnath Dham was forced to make an emergency landing on Saturday afternoon after developing a technical snag during take-off. While all five passengers aboard the Kestrel Aviation Private Limited chopper escaped unhurt, the pilot sustained minor injuries. The aircraft and a car parked nearby were damaged in the incident. As the copter was taking off, a sudden technical malfunction hit it prompting the pilot to take immediate action.

"Demonstrating exceptional presence of mind, the pilot swiftly assessed the situation and executed an emergency landing on a nearby road," a source from the district headquarters confirmed. "His quick thinking undoubtedly saved lives and prevented what could have been a major distress."

Following the dramatic landing, the pilot, who suffered minor injuries, was immediately rushed to a local hospital for treatment. All five pilgrims on board were reported safe and uninjured. The helicopter sustained damage during the landing, and a car parked nearby also suffered impact. The tail section of the helicopter broke off.

Upon receiving information, authorities immediately mobilised a team to clear the site and ensure minimal disruption to the pilgrimage route, and normalise the traffic.

District Tourism Development Officer and Nodal Officer for Heli-Services, Rahul Choubey, told this daily, "A helicopter, taking off from its Badasoo base for Shri Kedarnath Dham with five passengers on board, developed a technical snag during its ascent. The pilot, sensing the fault, spotted a clear road nearby and executed an emergency landing."

He further reassured the public and pilgrims that the incident has not impacted the ongoing heli-shuttle services to the revered shrine. "The incident has had no effect on the heli-shuttle service," he confirmed.

The incident highlights risks due to treacherous terrain and adverse weather. The region has seen several accidents in 14 years, resulting in significant loss of life.

In May, a chopper en route from Sirsi to Kedarnath made an emergency landing just short of helipad. All six occupants escaped unharmed.

In April 2023, UCAADA Finance GM Amit Saini was fatally struck by helicopter tail rotor at Kedarnath Dham. Prior to it, a helicopter carrying five pilgrims to Kedarnath from Guptkashi made emergency landing on October 2. No casualties were reported in the incident.

However, seven people, including the pilot, were killed when a chopper flying from Kedarnath crashed after Garudchatti in October 2022.

Sacrifice rituals: 9,350 goats sent to Gulf for Eid, major Raj row erupts

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A fresh controversy has erupted in Rajasthan just around the occasion of Eid ul Azha (Bakrid), as 9,350 goats have been exported from the state to Gulf countries via air cargo — a first for the desert state.
The goats, belonging to Shekhawati, Sirohi, and Bikaneri breeds, have been sent for ritual sacrifice, triggering a heated political exchange between the ruling BJP and the Opposition.

Animal Husbandry and Devasthan Minister Zoraram Kumawat expressed concern over the export. "Eid ul Azha may be important for any religion, but in our culture, animal sacrifice is not acceptable. These animals are not just livestock; they are a source of livelihood for breeders and contribute to Rajasthan's GDP," Kumawat said.

When asked if the government plans to restrict goat sacrifice during Bakrid, the minister clarified, "There is no such plan at the moment. But killing animals is wrong."

His remarks invited a sharp rebuttal from Leader of Opposition Tikaram Jully, who accused the BJP of communal bias and double standards. "The BJP only sees goats during Bakrid but remains silent on cow protection and beef exports. India is the world's top beef exporter today, but BJP leaders don't talk about that," the Congress leader said.

Taking a jibe at Kumawat, Jully added, "The minister is a good man, but he has been misinformed. If he had seen the actual data, he wouldn't have made such a statement."

The Leader of Opposition also alleged that the BJP is once again trying to stoke religious sentiments. "They use cows and goats as tools to divide communities. First ban beef exports, then talk about goats," he said.

The issue has quickly gained traction on social media, with religious and cultural organisations weighing in. Some criticized the government for allowing the export, while others condemned the political narrative being built around the festival.

Each of the cargo flights to the Gulf transported between 450 and 950 goats, with individual shipments weighing between 500 kg to 15,000 kg. The first consignment departed on May 1, marking the beginning of this year's export activities. The increasing frequency of direct flights from Jaipur to Gulf destinations is positioning the city as a pivotal hub for the export of sacrificial goats.

Female patient in ICU raped in Alwar ESI hosp

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a horrific incident, a 32-year-old woman admitted to the ICU at the ESIC Medical College Hospital in the MIA area of Alwar was allegedly raped by a nursing staff member.

According to reports, the incident took place around 1.30 am on the night of June 4. The woman had been admitted to the hospital on June 2 for a tube operation and was shifted to the ICU following the procedure on June 4.

The victim's husband alleged that after his wife was moved to the ICU, a security guard removed her from the room around 11 pm. Soon after, a nursing staff member came in. The victim, who was semi-conscious due to the effects of anaesthesia and medication, informed her husband about the episode the following day. The nursing staff exploited her condition, she says.

An FIR has been registered at the MIA police station, and a probe is under way.

Case pending in SC yet pushed into B'desh, Assam man back home for Eid

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

KHAIRUL ISLAM has been very busy for the past three days responding to phone calls from friends and acquaintances.

This former schoolteacher from central Assam's Morigaon district was pushed into Bangladesh along with 13 other "illegal immigrants" on May 24. He returned home two days ago after, what he claimed, the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) handed him and six others back to India, stating that they are not Bangladeshi nationals.

Islam, who is in his fifties, was declared a foreigner by a foreigners' tribunal in 2018. He challenged this in the Gauhati High Court but it upheld the tribunal's judgment. Foreigners' tribunals are quasi-judicial bodies which deal with the cases of suspected foreigners.

After he lost his case in the High Court, the police arrested him and sent him to a detention centre. He walked out on bail after two years in 2020 when the Supreme Court issued an order to decongest jails in the wake of Covid pandemic.

Islam told this newspaper on Saturday that he had then moved the Supreme Court and his case is still pending. He lamented that he was deported although the apex court is yet to deliver a judgment.

He said he had spent two days in Bangladesh and he did not face any problem there. "The BGB had formally handed seven of us over to the BSF. The BSF did not protest it," Islam said. "I have no idea if the remaining seven are in Bangladesh or India," he added.

Islam said following his handover, he was under the care of Assam Police until returning home two days ago. "The joys of my family members knew no bounds when I arrived home. I am feeling very relaxed now. I celebrated Eid. I had no idea that I would be able to celebrate Eid at home after deportation," he said.

Meanwhile, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma has said the process of identifying foreigners will now move at a faster pace.

A 1950 law to push illegal immigrants

Assam will follow a 1950 law – Immigrants Expulsion Order – to push back illegal immigrants, a move that goes against the conventional process. Discussing the step, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said, "This time, if someone is identified as a foreigner, we will not have to take up the case with the foreigners' tribunal to push back the person."

Bihar police bust fake Aadhaar card racket

Bihar police on Saturday unearthed a racket involved in preparing fake Aadhaar cards for Bangladeshi infiltrators to sneak into Indian territory. A key member of the gang having its connections in other states in the country and abroad was arrested from Kishanganj district and high-tech materials used in making fake Aadhar Card seized.

1 dead
22 injured in Spain retirement home fire

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	11	LC	Los Angeles	17	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	18	13	LC
Dhaka	34	27	LC	Moscow	5	0	LC
Dubai	42	31	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	30	22	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	17	12	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	17	8	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

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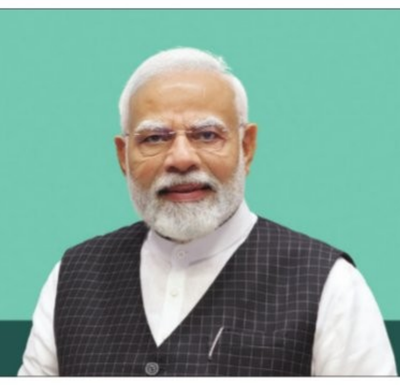
Women Paving the Path to Viksit Bharat

3 crore women are becoming lakhpati didis; Strengthening rural economy



A view after a Russian attack that hit a residential building in Kharkiv, Ukraine | AP

4 dead in Kharkiv attack, 21 hurt; no progress on truce

Intense Russian attacks and a Ukrainian drone strike have dashed hopes for peace

KYIV

RUSSIAN attacks targeting the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv killed at least four people and wounded more than two dozen others on Saturday, officials said, as hopes for peace dimmed further.

The first wave on Ukraine's second-largest city was a large Russian drone-and-missile attack in the early hours. It killed at least three people and wounded 21 others, according to local officials. In the afternoon, Russia dropped aerial bombs on the city center, killing at least one person and wounding five more, Kharkiv's mayor said.

The warring sides also accused each other of trying to sabotage a planned prisoner exchange, nearly a week after Kyiv embarrassed the Kremlin with a surprising drone attack on military airfields deep inside Russia. Saturday's barrage — the latest in near daily widescale attacks on Ukraine — included aerial glide bombs that have become part of a fierce Russian onslaught in the all-out war, which began on February 24, 2022. As firefighters and emergency workers bustled around attack sites in Kharkiv, residents described the strikes that damaged their homes and nearly took their lives on Saturday morning.

Ukraine's air force said that Russia struck with 215 missiles and drones overnight, and Ukrainian air defenses shot down 87 drones and seven missiles. Several other areas in Ukraine were also hit, including the regions of Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa, and the city of Ternopil, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said in an X post.

Kharkiv's regional governor, Oleh Syniehubov, said the morning's attacks saw two districts in the city struck with three missiles, five aerial glide bombs and 48 drones. Among the wounded were two children, a baby boy and a 14-year-old girl, he added.

On Friday, Russia struck six Ukrainian territories, killing at least six people and wounding about 80. Later on Saturday, Russia and Ukraine each accused the other of endangering plans to swap 6,000 bodies of soldiers killed in action, agreed upon during direct talks in Istanbul on Monday that otherwise made no progress towards ending the war. *AP*

Israel retrieves body of Thai hostage taken to Gaza

TEL AVIV

ISRAEL said Saturday it had retrieved the body of a Thai hostage abducted into Gaza during the October 7, 2023, attack that sparked the war, as it continued its military offensive, killing at least 95 people in the past 24 hours, according to Gaza's health ministry.

The prime minister's office said Nattapong Pinta's body was returned to Israel in a special military operation. Pinta was seized from Kibbutz Nir Oz and killed early in the war, the government said.

Thailand's foreign ministry in a statement confirmed that the last Thai hostage in Gaza was confirmed dead. It said the bodies of two others are yet to be retrieved.

The news came two days after the bodies of two Israeli-American hostages were retrieved. Fifty-five hostages remain in Gaza, and Israel says more than half are dead.

Israel's defense minister said Pinta's body was retrieved from the Rafah area in southern Gaza. He had come to Israel to work in agriculture.

The army said he was seized by the Mujahideen Brigades, the small armed group that it said also abducted and killed Shiri Bibas and her two small children. The same group took the two Israeli-American hostages, Judih Weinstein and Gad Haggai, whose bodies were retrieved Thursday.

Thais were the largest group of foreigners held captive by Hamas militants. Many of the agricultural workers lived in compounds on the outskirts of southern Israeli kibbutzim and towns, and Hamas militants overran those places first. A total of 46 Thais have been killed during the conflict, according to Thailand's foreign ministry.

Separately, Hamas issued an unusual warning about another hostage, Matan Zangauker, saying Israel's military had surrounded the area where he is held and that any harm to him during a rescue attempt would be Israel's responsibility.

Israel is supporting armed groups of Palestinians in Gaza in what it says is a move to counter Hamas. But officials from the U.N. and aid organizations say the military is allowing them to loot food and other supplies from their trucks. *AP*

This undated photo provided by the Hostage's Family Forum shows Nattapong Pinta, with his wife and son | AP

Thailand 'deeply saddened' by death of Gaza hostage: ministry

Bangkok: Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Saturday it was "deeply saddened" by the death of a Thai hostage in Gaza whose body was retrieved by Israeli forces. Thai Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman Nikorndej Balankura said in a video statement the ministry "is deeply saddened to announce that today, the Royal Thai Embassy in Tel Aviv was informed by a representative of the Israeli government that Mr Nattapong Pinta, the last Thai hostage, has been confirmed dead." An Israeli military statement said its forces retrieved his body from the Rafah area of southern Gaza. The Israeli military statement blamed the Mujahideen Brigades.

Israel fire kills 36, six of them near aid centre

Gaza City: Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli forces killed at least 36 Palestinians on Saturday, six of them in a shooting near a US-backed aid distribution centre. The shooting deaths were the latest reported near the aid centre run by the Gaza Humanitarian Fund (GHF) in the southern district of Rafah and came after it resumed distributions following a brief suspension in the wake of similar deaths earlier this week. An aid boat with 12 activists on board, including Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg, was meanwhile nearing Gaza in a bid to highlight the plight of Palestinians in the face of an Israeli blockade that has only been partially eased.

Taliban calls Trump 'oppressor' over Afghan travel ban

KABUL

THE top Taliban leader on Saturday slammed President Donald Trump's travel ban on Afghans, calling the United States an oppressor, as Afghanistan's rulers seek greater engagement with the international community.

The comments from Hibatullah Akhundzada marked the first public reaction from the Taliban since the Trump administration this week moved to bar citizens from 12 countries, including Afghanistan, from entering the U.S.

Trump's executive order largely applies to Afghans hoping to resettle in the U.S. permanently, as well as those hoping to go to America temporarily, including for university studies. Since returning to power in Afghanistan in 2021, the Taliban have imposed harsh measures, banned women from public places and education for women and girls beyond the sixth grade. And though they have so far failed to gain recognition as the country's official government, the Taliban have diplomatic relations with several countries, including China and Russia.

Akhundzada released his message on the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha, also known as the "Feast of Sacrifice," from the southern city of Kandahar, where he has set up base but is rarely seen in public.

In a 45-minute audio recording shared by Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid on X, Akhundzada denounced the Trump administration for imposing "restrictions on people." "Citizens from 12 countries are barred from entering their land — and Afghans are not allowed either," he said. "Why? Because they claim the Afghan government has no control over its people and that people are leaving the country. So, oppressor! Is this what you call friendship with humanity?" He blamed the US for the deaths of Palestinian women and children in Gaza, linking this allegation to the travel ban. "You are committing acts that are beyond tolerance," he added. *AP*

Kabul tells Afghans rejected by US to return home

The Taliban government on urged Afghans hoping to emigrate to the United States to instead return to Afghanistan, after Washington tightened entry conditions. US President Donald Trump this week announced a travel ban targeting 12 countries, including Afghanistan, which his proclamation said lacked "competent" central authorities for processing passports and vetting. Prime Minister Hassan Akhund urged Afghans to return to their country, saying they would be protected even if they worked with US-led forces in the two-decade fight against the Taliban insurgency.

Afghan Muslims perform Eid al-Adha prayer while a Taliban fighter stands guard in the Shah-Do Shamshira Mosque in Kabul, Afghanistan | AP

Pakistan and Saudi agree to boost strategic partnership

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN and Saudi Arabia agreed to further elevate their strategic partnership during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to the country.

Sharif and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Friday reaffirmed their mutual commitment to deepening the multi-faceted relationship between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, The Express Tribune reported. An official statement said the decision to elevate the strategic relations was taken under the "shared vision of the leadership and aspirations of the brotherly people of the two countries".

Sharif, who arrived in Saudi Arabia on Thursday, met the Saudi Crown Prince in Makkah, a day after the conclusion of Hajj. The prime minister was accompanied by a high-level delegation, including Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, and Minister for Interior Syed Mohsin Naqvi. Sharif extended warm Eid greetings to King Salman bin Abdulaziz and Prince Mohammed bin Salman, commending the kingdom's hospitality and service to the pilgrims from around the world who are in Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj.

He expressed gratitude for the remarkable efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the Crown Prince in ensuring a safe and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage experience. Sharif also expressed appreciation for the Kingdom's proactive role during recent tensions between Pakistan and India. *PTI*

SC lets DOGE access Social Security data of millions

WASHINGTON

THE Supreme Court handed the Trump administration two victories Friday in cases involving the Department of Government Efficiency, including giving it access to Social Security systems containing personal data on millions of Americans.

The justices also separately reined in orders seeking transparency at DOGE, the team once led by billionaire Elon Musk. The court's conservative majority sided with the Trump administration in the first Supreme Court appeals involving DOGE. The three liberal justices dissented in both cases.

The DOGE victories come amid a messy breakup between the president and the world's richest man that started shortly after Musk's departure from the White House and has included threats to cut government contracts and a call for the president to be impeached. The future of DOGE's work isn't clear without Musk at the helm, but both men have previously said that it will continue its efforts. In one case, the high court halted an order from a judge in Maryland that has restricted the team's access to the Social Security Administration under federal privacy laws.

"We conclude that, under the present circumstances, SSA may proceed to afford members of the SSA DOGE Team access to the agency records in question in order for those members to do their work," the court said in an unsigned order. *AP*

Elon Musk flashes his T-shirt that reads "DOGE" to the media as he walks on the South Lawn of the White House | AP

LUXURY GIFT

How to convert jet from Qatar into Air Force One?

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump really wants to fly on an upgraded Air Force One — but making that happen could depend on whether he's willing to cut corners with security.

As government lawyers sort out the legal arrangement for accepting a luxury jet from the Qatari royal family, another crucial conversation is unfolding about modifying the plane so it's safe for the American president.

Installing capabilities equivalent to the decades-old 747s now used as Air Force One would almost certainly consign the project to a similar fate as Boeing's replacement initiative, which has been plagued by delays and cost overruns.

Air Force Secretary Troy Meink told lawmakers Thursday that those security modifications would cost less than $400 million but provided no details. Satisfying Trump's desire to use the new plane before the end of his term could require leaving out some of those precautions, however.

A White House official said Trump wants the Qatari jet ready as soon as possible while adhering to security standards. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, did not provide details on equipment issues or the timeline.

Trump has survived two assassination attempts, and Iran allegedly also plotted to kill him, so he's well aware of the danger he faces. However, he seems willing to take some chances with security, particularly when it comes to communications. For example, he likes to keep his personal phone handy despite the threat of hacks. He boasted this week that the government got the jet "for free," saying, "We need it as Air Force One until the other ones are done."

Air Force One is the call sign for any plane that's carrying the president. The first aircraft to get the designation was a propeller-powered C-54 Skymaster, which ferried Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference in 1945. It featured a conference room with a bulletproof window.

Things are a lot more complicated these days. Boeing has spent years stripping down and rebuilding two 747s to replace the versions that have carried presidents for more than three decades. The project is slated to cost more than $5.3 billion and may not be finished before Trump leaves office.

A 2021 report made public through the Freedom of Information Act outlines the unclassified requirements for the replacement 747s under construction. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

MOSQUE REOPENS AFTER $15M UPGRADE

Masjid Darul Makmur reopened on Hari Raya Haji after a $15 million, two-year facelift that boosted its capacity to 4,000 worshippers. Acting Minister Faishal Ibrahim praised the community's resilience during the renovation. Improvements include barrier-free access and a new lift. MP Syed Harun highlighted support from Muis and authorities. Originally opened in 1987, the mosque used a temporary site during upgrades. Faishal urged the Muslim community to remain grateful for Singapore's peace and religious freedom, echoing the Mufti's Hari Raya sermon on unity.

CROSSING CURBS AFTER DEATH OF SOLDIER

Thailand temporarily closed its biggest border crossing with Cambodia to local tourists following the death of a Cambodian soldier in a recent clash near the Emerald Triangle. Violence has sporadically flared since 2008, causing at least 28 deaths. The Thai army restricted border hours and banned six-wheeled trucks, allowing only work and trade crossings. Despite Thailand urging Cambodian troop withdrawal, Cambodia refused. Trade remains unaffected, and a Joint Boundary Committee will meet soon to address the dispute. Cambodia plans to file a complaint with the International Court of Justice.

$691.5 bn India's forex reserves for the week ended May 30, a drop by $1.237 bn, according to the RBI data

RBI may have hit pause button on rate-cut cycle

It seems central bank has emptied its bag of goodies for now after frontloading rate cut

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE RBI has gone all-out in its June 2025 monetary policy to turbo-charge the economy and boost consumption. It seems the central bank has emptied its bag of goodies for now after a 50 basis points cut in the repo rate against an expectation of a 25 bps cut, followed by an announcement of 100 bps cut in cash reserve ratio (CRR) in phased manner.

With 100 bps cuts since the February policy, many analysts, reading between the lines of the latest monetary policy statement, have inferred that the RBI might pause rate cut cycle for now. "While we see no scope of further cuts in near-term, it would be pertinent to keep an eye on fluid global markets and the evolving domestic cycle to assess any room for additional easing," says Madhavi Arora, chief economist, Emkay Global. She underlines that RBI stance reversion to 'neutral' implies limited room for further easing.

Frontloading rate, CRR cut

RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra in the post-policy briefing explains why the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), the rate-setting panel, went with a 50 bps repo rate cut and a 100 bps CRR reduction. The move is aimed at ensuring policy certainty, says Malhotra. He said they could have done the rate cut in tranches, but by frontloading a 50 bps cut, the RBI wanted to give a sense of certainty to the market.

To ease liquidity conditions and aid monetary transmission, the RBI announced a phased 100 bps cut in CRR from 4% to 3%, to be implemented in four tranches starting September 6. This is expected to release ₹2.5 lakh crore into the banking system. The 100 bps CRR cut was despite the liquidity being already in surplus. The RBI has infused ₹7.40 lakh crore of liquidity through open market operations (OMO) and FX swaps since January 2025

Biggest giveaway

The biggest giveaway though is the decision of the MPC to revert back to the 'Neutral' policy stance just a couple of months after shifting to the 'Accommodative' stance. Speaking to the media after announcing the MPC decisions, Malhotra said neutral (stance) will mean the rates can go either way. "It will depend on how the data comes in. If the growth is weaker, it can mean it will go down. If the growth is good, inflation is going up, the repo rate can go up," clarified the governor.

During a media briefing, the RBI Governor clarified the change in stance indicates a 'very limited space' for further monetary policy action given the current economic circumstances of approximately 6.5% growth and a projected inflation of 3.7% for the current year, rising to around 4.5% next year.

The fact that all six Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) members agreed on this shift to neutral gives credence to the belief that the road for more rate cuts is over for now.Nomura in a note said the combination of a 50bp cut, a shift in stance to neutral and the CRR cut signals that the RBI's MPC believes the existing space for policy easing has been largely exhausted, and they will be in a wait-and-watch stance now, with policy transmission the key objective.

"This suggests that, unless there are major economic surprises, the RBI will be on hold in August and beyond," it said.

Cues from bond markets

The bond market has priced in the end of rate cut cycle, feel some analysts. "After having reduced the repo rate by 100 bps in succession since February 2025, under current circumstances, monetary policy is left with limited space to support growth, and this has led the bond markets to believe that the rate-cutting cycle has ended," says Puneet Pal, head, fixed income, PGIM India Mutual Fund. As a result the yield curve steepened further, with longer-duration yields edging higher.

Longer-duration bond yields rose in anticipation of the end of the rate-cutting cycle with the aggressive frontloading of monetary easing. The benchmark 10-year bond yield ended at 6.29%, up 4 bps on Friday from previous day's close, while yields were higher by 6–7 bps at the longer end of the yield curve (30 years and higher). Money market yields (up to 12 months maturity) were lower by 15-30 bps, and yields in the up-to-5-year maturity segment were largely stable.

LIMITED ROOM FOR EASING

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TRADE TALK

EMBED INDIAN CARBON MKT IN GLOBAL TRADE CONTEXT

SANGEETA GODBOLE

AMIDST tariff trepidations, the Indian Carbon Market (ICM) is moving rapidly and sure-footedly. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified draft targets foremissions intensity to obligated entities in four industrial sectors -- Cement, Aluminium, Paper and Chlor Alkali on 16th April 2025. The sixty-day period is available for comments on targets till 14th June. Mirroring India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)commitments, obligated entities are mandated to achieve reduction in emissions intensity of greenhouse gases (GHGs)rather than absolute emissions.

Emissions intensity vs absolute emissions

Emissions intensity is a smarter regulatory interventionand harder to achieve. The European experience in absolute emissions allowancesdemonstrates that in some instances, emissions savings was the result of lower production.Installations reduced their production but used the emissions allowances theyreceived to generate profits on the Emissions Trading System.By fixing binding targets of emissions intensity, MOEFCC leaves no such lee way. Whatever the production levels, GHG emissions intensities are mandated. Missing targets will entail stiff penalties on obligated entities.

The Indian carbon regulation has built on the industry-regulator experience in the Perform Achieve and Trade (PAT) schemewhich mandated energy efficiency targets to designated consumers.PAT claimsreduction of carbon emissions by 105 Million tonnes so far.

The PAT experience

Though there are several areas where PAT, launched in 2012, could be implemented better, it has created industry familiarity with a measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) mechanism and a good number of accredited energy auditors. The carbon credit trading scheme (CCTS) will reduce the PAT reporting frequency from three years to an annual basisthereby increasing the spend on the MRV as well as speed of emissions reduction.

Absent renewable energy, a majority of industrial emissions emerge out of energy consumption. PAT compliance has entailed over ten years of industry efforts to reduce energy consumption. The low hanging fruit of energy intensity has already been picked. Industry majors have invested in best available technology. Without further investment in technology, can the obligated entities reduce emissions further or will they simply bear the cost of purchasing carbon credits from other better performers?

Indian carbon market embedded in global decarbonisation

PAT was an autonomous measure to discipline industrial energy consumption. It did not function under any multilateral pressure or even context. CCTS on the other hand will have to respond to linkages and contestation with several carbon markets. CCTS will be a tool to defend Indian industry against cheap imports as well as to gain access to carbon conscious export markets. Building the trade dimension into the Indian Carbon market is imperative tocreate policy and business opportunities.

In no small measure, European Union's imposition of Carbon Boarder Adjustment Management (CBAM) fees on industrial imports has nudgedestablishment of theIndian Carbon Market. EU CBAM was designed to protect its industry from cheaper high carbon imports. It is only now realizing that expensive low carbon imports, coupled with high Emission Trading System (ETS) prices could be their death knell in export markets.

Integrate trade readiness into the ICM

The ICM must respond to global contexts and competition. Taking lessons from several carbon marketscoming up globally, MoEFCCmust mandate mapping of emissions at 8 HS code level. Innovations in business and manufacturing processes, investment in technology, costs born for MRV compliance must be included in the price paid for emissions reduction. For any credit of domestic carbon price paidon exported commodities, obligated entities must be able to demonstrate the exact HS code to which the emissions reduction cost applies.

As is apparent in the above table, industry faces international competition, in imports as well as exports in the current sectors. As sectors expand and jurisdictions build their own carbon markets, the salience of the trade context of the ICM will only grow.

Balance decarbonisation and competitiveness: The Indian carbon market will cut both ways. Manufacturers would face competitionfrom cheaper high carbon imports. Whereas exporters would confront CBAM like fees in export markets. Indian industry survives on thin margins which must not be further compressed in the current global trade and geoeconomic uncertainties. Cost of carbon emissions, sectoral decarbonization and competitiveness will be a difficult regulatory balance but must be achieved.

Finally, the current CCTS design allows revenues for government only as penalties for failing to purchase carbon credits. EU's ETS provides huge revenues for the member states, which are then plowed back into emissions efficiency and climate change mitigation/adaptation investments. EU earned EUR 32 billion in 2023 from its ETS, becoming a key resource for EU's funding for Green Hydrogen, energy grid, green transportation and such like. As the Indian Carbon Market matures, its design must be tweaked to generate revenues for deep decarbonisation efforts contributing to India's mitigation and adaptation efforts.

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Ambani donates ₹151 crore to his alma mater ICT

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RELIANCE Industries' chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani announced an unconditional grant of ₹151 crore to his alma mater the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai.

Ambani had graduated from ICT in the 1970s. He spent over three hours on Friday at ICT ' which back then was called the University Department of Chemical Technology (UDCT) ' at a function to publish Professor MM Sharma's biography 'Divine Scientist'.

Ambani reminisced how the first lecture he attended at UDCT by Professor Sharma motivated him and how Sharma later played the role of quiet architect of India's economic reforms.

Sharma impressed upon the policymakers that the only way for India to grow was to unshackle Indian industry from license-permit-raj, which would allow Indian players to build scale, reduce dependence on imports and compete globally.

Extreme poverty rate in India falls

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EXTREME poverty rate in India fell sharply to 5.3% over a decade from 27.1% in 2011-12 even as the World Bank revised upwards its threshold poverty line to $3 per day.

Given the country's inflation rate between 2017 and 2021, a revised extreme poverty line of $3 would constitute a 15% higher threshold than $2.15 expressed in 2021 prices and result in a 5.3% poverty rate in 2022-23, the World Bank said in a report. As against 34 crore people below poverty line ($3/per day) in 2011-12, the numbers have come down to 7.5 crore in 2022-23 in absolute numbers.

The World Bank has announced a major revision to global poverty estimates, raising the International Poverty Line (IPL) from $2.15/day (2017 PPP) to $3/day (2021 PPP), as per a factsheet issued by the PIB on the report. The new poverty line would have increased the count of global extreme poverty by 226 million people. But thanks to India's data revision, the net global rise was only 125 million, as India's revised data reduced the count by 125 million on its own, it said.

Aakash shareholding case: NCLAT rejects plea of BYJU's RP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a moral victory of sort for Aakash Educational Services in its legal tussle over dilution of Byju's shareholding in the company, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Thursday dismissed an appeal filed by Shailendra Ajmera, a partner at Ernst & Young and the resolution professional (RP) of Think & Learn Ltd.

Ajmera had challenged the April 30 order of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru, which directed the parties to maintain the status quo on TLPL's 25% shareholding in AESL. However, the NCLAT Bench comprising Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma and Technical Member Jatindranath Swain held the order was "interlocutory in nature" and "consensual," and therefore not open to appellate review.

The dispute traces back to BYJU'S acquisition of AESL in 2021 for $1 billion. In April 2023, debentures worth ₹2,000 crore issued by AESL were sold to Davidson Kempner (DK) with shareholder consent. These were later acquired by Manipal Group, which converted them into equity in January 2024 to become AESL's largest shareholder. In March 2025, the RP moved the NCLT under Sections 241–242 of the Companies Act, seeking to restrain shareholding change. However, that order was passed without hearing AESL and Manipal. The Karnataka High Court set it aside on April 8, after all parties, including Ajmera, agreed to an interim arrangement preserving TLPL's stake. Despite the Supreme Court also taking note of this consent-based arrangement, Ajmera challenged the NCLT's reaffirmation of it on April 30. NCLAT's dismissal of the appeal effectively restores the status quo and returns the case to NCLT Bengaluru for a full hearing.

'Not open to review'

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The tribunal is expected to now decide whether the interim arrangement should continue, whether EY should be impleaded due to its advisory role to all three parties, and whether the RP's petition is maintainable amid ongoing insolvency.

MOIL achieves best May production

Setting the tone for a promising FY'26, MOIL has begun the year with its highest-ever May performance, reflecting strong operational momentum. The company recorded 1.71 lakh tonnes of manganese ore production in May 2025, registering an impressive 18% growth over the corresponding period last year (CPLY).This marks the highest-ever production for the month of May and the fourth-highest monthly production since inception. Additionally, exploratory core drilling touched 13,352 meters, reflecting a 17.5% increase over CPLY —reaffirming MOIL's strategic push in expanding resource potential. Ajit Kumar Saxena, CMD MOIL, congratulated all employees for this achievement.

World Environment Day celebrations at CPCL, to plant 1 lakh trees during FY26

Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has pledged massive drive to plant one lakh tree saplings during 2025-26. Shri H Shankar, Managing Director, CPCL inaugurated the drive by watering the saplings at the World Environment Day celebrations at Manali Refinery on 05.06.25. This year's theme focused on "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally." In his presidential address, Shri Shankar emphasized the cultural and ecological relevance of the "Manjappai"—the traditional yellow cloth bag of Tamil Nadu. He lauded the wisdom of our ancestors in promoting sustainable and eco-friendly practices, which are still relevant today. He stressed the need of using alternatives to plastics such as Jute bags, Cotton bags, glass bottles, stainless steel containers etc. in our day-today requirements.

Business & Beyond

JSW Steel's Odisha mining division commemorates World Environment Day

JSW Steel, Odisha calls for turning the tide on plastic pollution Barbil: JSW Steel's Odisha mining division commemorated World Environment Day with great enthusiasm and festivity, hosting celebrations across all its mine locations and offices on Thursday. With the theme "One Nation, One Mission: End Plastic Pollution," this year's World Environment Day commemoration at the Barbil office featured a dedicated awareness program on reducing plastic waste and fostering sustainable practices. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries from JSW Steel's Odisha mining division, including business head Prasanna Panda, mines operation head Ram Shankar Sharma, HR Head Shri Chittaranjan Bahinipati, finance head Ankur Dokania, as well as senior representatives from the Environment, health & safety department, Vijay Kumar and Suresh Mohapatra, along with their team.

Paradip Port Authority observes World Environment Day 2025

Paradip, Odisha: Paradip Port Authority (PPA) has observed World Environment Day 2025 with a series of initiatives aligned with the global theme of "Ending Plastic Pollution." The day's events underscored PPA's commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement. The observance commenced with a significant mass plantation drive in the area near Paradip College. Shri P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA, led the initiative by planting saplings, joined by Shri Nilabhra Dasgupta, Deputy Chairman, PPA. The drive saw enthusiastic participation from other Heads of Departments of PPA, Environment Cell officers and employees, residents of the township, college staff and students & dedicated volunteers from Paradip Saksharata Samiti (PSS), the social arm of PPA.

IIM Nagpur Program for Master Trainers of Maha Forest Dept

Nagpur: The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur conducted a five-day residential Executive Education Programme titled "Training of Master Trainers on Effective Communication Skills for Frontline Foresters of Maharashtra" in collaboration with the Forest Department, Maharashtra. The programme was spearheaded by Program Directors Prof. Anoop Kumar and Prof. Deepmala Baghel. This initiative brought together 27 officers at the DFO, ACF, and RFO levels, nominated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force (HoFF), Maharashtra. Theofficers were designated as Master Trainers and underwent intensive training designed to strengthen their communication skills.

Djokovic hints at possible Roland Garros farewell

Novak Djokovic suggested he may well have bidden adieu to Roland Garros after losing to Jannik Sinner in the semifinal. "This could have been the last match ever I played here, so I don't know. That's why I was a bit more emotional even in the end. But if this was the farewell match of Roland Garros for me in my career, it was a wonderful one," he said.

MAGNUS OPUS: KING ON TOP

After topping the Norway Chess event, World No 1 talks about his experience, where the next-gen stand & more

EVER since Magnus Carlsen started dominating the World Championship cycle in the latter half of the last decade, the world of elite chess came up with a ranking list to show his giant presence on the rest of the top players.

"The list," the joke went, "was Magnus being the world's best. The No. 2 was a bored Magnus. The No. 3 was a drunk Magnus. The No. 4 was a disinterested Magnus. The No. 5 was a washed Magnus."

Even if the joke was disrespectful to all the other top players, it says something about the world of chess that it kind of played itself out at Norway Chess. In an absolutely loaded field in Stavanger — World Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 — Carlsen was the only one who knew what the future had in store for him, at least in the short term.

The others are very much part of the Classical chess calendar. One of them, D Gukesh, will defend the world title next year. One of the others, Fabiano Caruana, has already qualified for next year's Candidates.

The point is the others were going to use this tournament to see where they stood in terms of their prep for upcoming Classical events. Carlsen? He used this event to remind the world that while his attention lay elsewhere, he still deeply cared about maintaining his status as chess' top dog in town.

Even if this wasn't a 'dream tournament' by his ludicrously high standards, he said 'it's nice to see I can still play'. "Honestly," the Norwegian had said a day before the final round, "it could have meant a lot to me if I had finished off the game against Gukesh and then played a really good tournament. Now like regardless of what happens, it would kind of be like stumbling into a win. The dream of playing a really good tournament burst with that game (against Gukesh). Of course I want to win, but it's not that important."

Sunday Special

A day later, in the final round at Stavanger, the 34-year-old grinded out a draw from an almost lost position against Arjun Erigaisi. With his clock ticking down, he stole glances at the game between Gukesh and Caruana before deciding he would take his chances. That decision may have come back to bite him but the Indian teen made a blunder and resigned on the spot after fighting so resolutely for a long time.

It's kind of why the five-time world champion said that the kids aren't ready to take over. "At the very least, it's nice to see I can still play," he after his seventh crown in Norway's southwest. "And it's nice to see that at least in parts of the game, I can still be quite a lot better than the guys who are trying to take over."

Carlsen on the Indian stars

Two of those — Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi — featured in the event. Both players actually did beat the Norwegian (the former in Classical and the latter in Armageddon).

"There is no one," the World No. 1, who abdicated his throne in 2023, added. "No one at the moment. That's the honest answer. There could be, but at the moment it's not likely. I think Gukesh showed in this tournament that he's on track, he's doing fantastic, but he's maybe not way ahead of track as we may have thought. I think he's kind of a little bit where I was 2008. You can do extremely well, but you can still see that there are that great results, like they come not only with the quality of the positional play, but it's a lot of fighting qualities. But that is what kids are supposed to do.

"You're not supposed to master everything at that age. As for the others, yes, they are good, but the likelihood of one of them becoming like a very clear number one. I don't see it very clearly at the moment." Carlsen also reminded the world that once-in-a-generation players are once in the generation for a reason.

Gukesh, who flat out refused to speak to the media in Stavanger, can see the 10-round tournament through two ways. One, would be to look at through the positive lens of finally beating Carlsen and Erigaisi in Classical, something he had never managed to. Two, and a more negative way to look, would be wonder why he allowed himself to fall behind out of the opening in a lot of matches. At this level, it's a bit like trying to stop a car without working brakes.

He did it a few times but when you are so fall behind the eight ball, the pressure of having to defend in almost every game will tell.

Carlsen on Norway Chess

While the local favourite did mention that the strongest emotion he felt during the event was his loss to Gukesh, he said he was 'relieved' that he had won it in the end. "It definitely was a very memorable tournament," he said.

Considering this is now the only Classical meet he plays on a year on year basis, why does he keep coming back? The answer lies in the pacier time controls. He has long held that four hours is more than enough time to play a good game of chess in this format. "It's rare to see so many twists and turns and of course... the quality wasn't perfect but there was still a lot of good chess. In terms of the format, the reduced time control helps a lot. It's not supposed to be easy to defend. You are not supposed to be helped by increments."

In the short term, he remains the world boss across formats. What should concern the others is that he won this event while playing golf for pretty much three-to-four hours on an almost daily basis while some of the others prepped for games.

FINAL STANDINGS

OPEN		WOMEN	
Magnus Carlsen	16	Anna Muzychuk	16.5
Fabiano Caruana	15.5	Lei Tingjie	16
D Gukesh	14.5	Koneru Humpy	15
Hikaru Nakamura	14	Ju Wenjun	13.5
Arjun Erigaisi	13	R Vaishali	11
Wei Yi	9.5	Sara Khadem	9

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Coco Gauff reacts after winning the French Open final in Paris on Saturday | AP

Coco flavour in Roland Garros

AGENCIES @ Paris

COCO Gauff battled back from a set down to beat World No 1 Aryna Sabalenka in a Grand Slam final for the second time with a dramatic victory in the French Open showpiece on Saturday. The second-ranked American dug deep to claim a 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 victory and her second Major title after also defeating Sabalenka at the 2023 US Open.

The 21-year-old more than made amends for her emotional 2022 final loss to Iga Swiatek at Roland Garros, outlasting Sabalenka over two hours and 38 minutes on Court Philippe Chatrier. "I was going through a lot of things when I lost in this final three years ago. I'm just happy to be here," said Gauff.

"I didn't think honestly that I could do it... I think I was lying to myself that I definitely could do it." It was a second straight Grand Slam final loss for Sabalenka after her defeat by Madison Keys at the Australian Open in January.

ROAD TO TITLE

1st rd:	bt Olivia Gadecki (AUS) 6-2, 6-2
2nd rd:	bt Tereza Valentova (CZE) 6-2, 6-4
3rd rd:	bt Marie Bouzkova (CZE) 6-1, 7-6 (3)
4th rd:	bt Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS x20) 6-0, 7-5
QF:	bt Madison Keys (USA x7) 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-1
SF:	bt Lois Boisson (FRA) 6-1, 6-2
Final:	bt Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x1) 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4

Gauff was rock solid after falling a set down, while Sabalenka made 70 unforced errors in windy conditions in a match which followed a very similar pattern to Gauff's victory at Flushing Meadows two years ago. "Obviously it hurts so much, especially after such a tough two weeks when I played such great tennis in these terrible conditions," said Sabalenka, whose unforced error tally in the final was the highest by any player in a women's match this tournament. "To show such terrible tennis in the final, it does really hurt."

Belarusian Sabalenka was aiming to become the only current women's player to win three of the four Grand Slam events after her US Open triumph last year and back-to-back Australian Open titles in 2023 and 2024. But Gauff instead moved 6-5 ahead in their head-to-head record, proving the more consistent player in the first women's Slam final between the world's top two since Caroline Wozniacki beat Simona Halep in Melbourne in 2018. Only Gauff, Swiatek, Naomi Osaka and Maria Sharapova have won multiple Slam titles before turning 22 in the last 20 years. The 27-year-old Sabalenka quickly asserted herself, racing ahead by taking four of the first five games.

The top seed led 4-1 with a double-break in her semi-final win over Swiatek before being forced into a tie-break. She gifted Gauff a glimmer of hope too, throwing away the sixth game from 40-0 up with two double-faults and a tame backhand into the bottom of the net.

Men's hockey team suffers narrow defeat

AGENCIES @ Amstelveen (Netherlands)

THE Indian men's hockey team squandered a one goal lead to lose 1-2 to Olympic champions Netherlands in the first match of the European leg of FIH Pro League here on Saturday.

The Netherlands struck the winning goal two minutes from the final whistle through Van Dam Thijs (58th minute), who also scored the equalising goal in the 25th minute. Captain Harmanpreet Singh had converted the first penalty corner of the match in the 19th minute to give India the lead.

India began the match on a strong note, dominating possession with crisp passing despite Netherlands' high press.

While the first eight minutes didn't yield any real threats on goal from either side, India got an opportunity soon after as they won the ball in the Dutch circle. Dilpreet Singh's reverse hit, however, was shut down at close range by Dutch goalkeeper Maurits Visser.

At the other end, Netherlands threatened late in the first quarter as Thierry Brinkman approached the right flank, but the Indian defence stood firm to avert the danger.

The Netherlands came out with intent in the second quarter, with Steijn van Heijningen testing Suraj Karkera in the 17th minute, only for the Indian goalkeeper to block the effort.

India responded with purpose and were rewarded with a penalty corner after Dilpreet was impeded by a stick challenge inside the circle.

Norway beat Italy in WC qualifiers

AGENCIES @ Oslo

ERLING Haaland scored and Norway humbled Italy 3-0 for the first time in 25 years in qualifying for the 2026 World Cup. Haaland on Friday collected a through ball from playmaker Martin Odegaard and rounded goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma in the box for the third goal three minutes before halftime. It was his 41st goal in his 42nd match for Norway to the delight of the spectators at Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, including King Harald V of Norway. Haaland also scored when Moldova was beaten 5-0 and Israel 4-2. Norway remained perfect in qualifying after three games in Europe Group I.

Meanwhile, Croatia opened their qualifying with a 7-0 rout of Gibraltar. Mario Pa'alic and Ante Budimir struck twice for Croatia to break the deadlock after half an hour. In the second half, substitutes Andrek Kramaric and Franjo Ivanovis scored a couple each and Ivan Perisic piled on. Croatia was runner-up in the 2018 World Cup and third in 2022.

Norway's Erling Haaland (background) rejoices after scoring against Italy | AP

Venezuela close in

CARACAS (VENEZUELA): Venezuela beat Bolivia 2-0 to extend their advantage in seventh place in South American World Cup qualifying and a potential spot in an intercontinental playoff for next year's tournament in North America. Bolivian H'ctor Cuellar scored an own goal in the fifth minute on Friday after a simple pass to goalkeeper Guillermo Viscarra ended in the back of the net.

World Cup champion Argentina leads South American qualifying after 15 matches with 34 points. Ecuador and Paraguay are next with 24 points, but the Ecuadorians have better goal difference.

French cut: Final hurdle

Defending champion vs World No 1. It could not get any better. A look...

ALCARAZ AIMS TO MARK TERRITORY

Four-time Grand Slam champion Alcaraz hopes to become the third man this century to retain the Coupe des Mousquetaires after Gustavo Kuerten and Nadal. Alcaraz holds a 7-4 head-to-head edge over Sinner, winning the Italian Open final in Rome three weeks ago as the latter made his return to competition after a three-month doping ban.

SINNER SEEKS HAT-TRICK GLORY

Sinner is chasing his third successive Grand Slam triumph — and fourth overall — after winning last year's US Open and retaining his Australian Open crown in January. The world number one has lost just seven matches since the start of 2024 but four of those defeats have come against Alcaraz, including in last year's RG semifinals.

Carlos Alcaraz vs Jannik Sinner, men's singles final

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EXPRESS READ

Indian officials meet CWS in London

MUMBAI: A delegation of IOA, Central and Gujarat govts met Commonwealth Sport officials in London to have a better understanding of the process and the framework relating to securing hosting rights of the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad. The delegation included IOA chief PT Usha and officials from the sports Ministry and state government.

Jeet in spotlight as Patriots beat SG Pipers

AHMEDABAD: India's Jeet Chandra led from the front as Jaipur Patriots beat Ahmedabad SG Pipers in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) on Saturday. Jeet pulled off a 2-1 upset win over World No 34 and World Championships silver medalist Ricardo Walther, powering Jaipur to an 11-4 victory that sent them to the top of the table.

Virender new Volleyball Federation president

NEW DELHI: Virender Kanwar from Himachal Pradesh became the president of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) after defeating Nagaland's Prem Singh Bajor by a mere two votes in the long-awaited polls that picked an interim panel on Saturday. Kanwar polled 33 votes, two more than his close rival Bajor.

Asian champ Jyothi leads India's show

AGENCIES @ Taipei City

Asian champ Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m hurdles race with yet another impressive time as India won six gold medals in the Taiwan Open international athletics competition here on Saturday. National record holder Yarraji clocked 12.99s, ahead of Japanese runners Asuka Terada (13.04s) and Chisato Kiyoyama (13.10s), who took the silver and bronze. Tejas Shirse also won gold in the men's 110m hurdles, clocking 13.52s. Hsieh Yuan-kai (13.72s) and Kuei-Ru Chen (13.75s) won the silver and bronze. Abdulla Aboobacker and Pooja also won gold in the men's triple jump and women's 1500m respectively. India won gold in both men and women's 4x100m relays.

FIRST TEST

Stage set for Rugby Premier League

Kalinga Black Tigers, one of the teams in Rugby Premier League, unveil jersey & mascot

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

THE Kalinga Black Tigers (KBT), one of the Rugby Premier League (RPL) founding teams, unveiled its jersey and mascot 'Paika' here at Kalinga Stadium on Saturday.

The RPL, world's first franchise-based Rugby 7s league, is set to begin on June 15 at the Andheri Sports Complex (Mumbai Football Arena, MFA). Backed by Hunch Ventures, an investment firm deeply rooted in Odisha, KBT embodies a broader vision for the state's development and recognition on the national stage.

Rugby India president Rahul Bose said, "This is a league that's been six years in the making, but we wanted to do everything right. Thanks to World Rugby, who gave us a 15-day window in which no international rugby 7s would be played anywhere in the world. We are in the process of introducing Women Rugby Premier League in the future."

"The state (Odisha) played a vital role for the development of various sports in our country. The rugby teams of the state always made podium finishes in the national tournament. It gives the RPL Governing council great happiness that the league has a team from the state of Odisha." Head coach Mike Friday felt that this league will be a good platform for the local players to evolve. "We will get two weeks of training season with the overseas players."

Odisha Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo graced the occasion as the chief guest.

England Lions trail India A by 156 runs

AGENCIES @ Northampton

INDIA A pace bowling allrounders Shardul Thakur and Nitish Kumar Reddy continued to dish out underwhelming performances as the England Lions made 192 for three at the end of second day of the second unofficial Test here on Saturday. India A, overnight 319/7, were folded for 348 in their first innings, but fifties of Tom Haines (54) and Emilio Gay (71) helped the Lions to reduce the deficit to 156 runs when the stumps were drawn early because of bad light. In the first four-day match at Canterbury, Thakur took two wickets but leaked 105 runs in 28 overs. **Brief scores:** India A 348 in 89.3 ovs (KL Rahul 116, Jurel 52; Woakes 3/60) **vs** England Lions 192/3 in 46 overs: (Haines 54, Gay 71; Kamboj 1/38).

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Barriers No More
Doors of Sainik Schools and National Defence Academy now open for daugthers
In a historic first, women get permanent commission in Armed Forces

INDIA'S EV POLICY CAN IT DELIVER?

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TO draw major global companies to invest in the production of battery-powered passenger vehicles in India, the Centre has launched a new electric vehicle (EV) policy that lowers import duties on electric cars. The Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Electric Passenger Cars in India (SPMEPCI), unveiled last week, will help attract investments from global EV manufacturers, promote India as a manufacturing destination for e-vehicles, create jobs, and help India achieve carbon emission norms.

Fine Print

To encourage global brands to invest under the Scheme, they will be allowed to import Completely Built-in Units (CBUs) of e-4W with a minimum Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of $35,000 at reduced customs duty of 15% for five years from the application approval date. To avail this important benefit of the scheme, manufacturers would be required to make minimum investment of ₹4,150 crore.

The maximum number of electric four-wheelers allowed to be imported at the reduced duty rate is capped at 8,000 units per year. The carryover of unutilised annual import limits would be permitted. The maximum benefits from this duty reduction are topped at ₹6,484 crore or the actual investment amount, whichever is lower.

Manufacturers are also required to meet certain criteria including the need to achieve an annual turnover of at least ₹2,500 crore by the second year, ₹5,000 crore by the fourth year, and ₹7,500 crore by the fifth year. Additionally, they must reach local value-addition targets of 25% by the third year and 50% by the fifth year.

They are also required to be of a certain size. The Global Group's Revenue (from automotive manufacturing) has to be at least ₹10,000 crore and if the applicant is an investment company, the revenue should not be less than ₹3,000 crore.

The application widow under the scheme is likely to open soon, and will remain open for 120 days. However, the government can reopen the window as and when required till March 15, 2026. Union heavy industries minister H D Kumaraswamy has said that global players including Mercedes, Volkswagen-Skoda, Hyundai, and Kia have shown interest in applying under the EV policy.

Tesla Gives the Policy a Miss

American electric car company Tesla, which has been exploring opportunities in the Indian market for years but has hesitated due to concerns over high import duties, is not interested in participating in the Scheme. This is a major blow for India given India first announced the new policy when Tesla was showing interest and was lobbying extensively for a cut in import duty.

Following the changes in the EV policy in March 2024, reports emerged that Tesla was planning to send a team to scout locations for a proposed $2-3 billion EV manufacturing plant.

However, progress stalled in April 2024 when Musk postponed his planned visit to India and a follow-up meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shortly after, Tesla announced it would focus on scaling production at its existing facilities rather than investing in new manufacturing units.

Now it is confirmed that Tesla is not interested in setting up a facility in India anytime soon and would rather start selling its cars here as CBUs.

According to Kumaraswamy, Tesla is not interested in manufacturing cars in India but is keen on establishing showrooms in the country. A Tesla factory in India would have given a major boost to the country's electric vehicle ecosystem by producing cars, batteries and charging solutions locally.

Experts, however, believe that even if Tesla agrees to set up a plant here, it would remain a small player here. This is primarily because India is a price-sensitive market, with the bulk of the passenger vehicles sold here carrying a price tag of less than ₹20 lakh. In contrast, Tesla's cheapest Model 3 retails for $42,490 in the US (around ₹37 lakh), placing it firmly in the luxury segment in India, even before the hefty duties come into play.

Tesla is now expected to import cars from Germany to sell in India. These models are likely to attract a duty of about 110%. The company may benefit if India and the US finalise a trade deal in which President Donald Trump arm-twists India to reduce duties on American cars.

Invite all but China

Concessions outlined in India's electric vehicle (EV) policy aimed at attracting global players in all likelihood will not extend to Chinese companies. This was almost confirmed by union minister of commerce and industry Piyush Goyal who said in April that Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD will not be allowed to make new investments in India.

"We will have to be cautious on whom we allow to invest in the country. We have to be cautious about our strategic and security interests," Goyal told Bloomberg at the India Global Forum in Mumbai. "We need to be convinced that they will work by the rules of the game," he said, adding that the country needs to be alert on dumping by other countries in the wake of US tariffs.

BYD, the largest electric car company in the world, is keen to invest in India. Other Chinese firms have also shown interest in having a presence here. In 2023, India rejected investments from China's auto behemoths — BYD and Great Wall Motors (GWM). BYD's $1 billion investment plan was rejected in July 2023 while GWM had to shelve plans to set up an India plant as it could not secure clearances.

A senior government official confirmed that Chinese companies will be excluded from these benefits due to national security concerns. Chinese car companies have come to terms with India's reluctance.

BYD said in October last year that they are not applying for benefits under the new EV policy. "Representatives of our company, who have a good idea about the policy, went in, went through that. The final conclusion... is that we have decided that, no, we are not ready to implement this policy in the short term. So, we are not applying," said Rajeev Chauhan, head of electric passenger vehicles business, BYD India.

Small but growing: India's Electric Car Market

India's electric car market is small and its penetration in total car sales is quite low at just 3%. Compared to over 11 million battery-powered cars sold in China in 2024, India's total electric car sales were just 111,300 units. In the US, electric car sales increased to 1.6 million in 2024, with their share in total car sales growing to more than 10%.

The slow intake of electric car sales in India, the world's largest car market, is primarily attributed to fewer models, expensive selling price and inadequate charging infrastructure to support the EVs.

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This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **Mrs. Nirmala Chunduri, W/o. Late, Nageswara Rao,** aged about 58 years, residing at Flat No. 401, 4th Floor, Dwarakamai Apartment, Kappagal Road, Ballari-583103, PAN : AMJPC8659E & Aadhaar No. 7110 6591 6854, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mrs. Nirmala Chunduri is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and she has acquired the Schedule Property under the Sale Deed dated 29/08/2019, registered as Document No.DNH-1-05217/2019-20, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Mr. N. Ramadas and others. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mrs. Nirmala Chunduri's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted undeveloped Land bearing **Sy.No.19/2** measuring 02 Acre excluding 04 Guntas of karab, situated at Kempathimmanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore rural district, Vide Conversion Order bearing No.298103 dated 16-02-2022 and bounded on **East by :** Land in Sy.No.20 belongs to Ramdas, **West by:** land in Sy.No.16 and Sy.No.17, **North by :** Land in Sy.No.19/1 and **South by :** Land in Sy.No.28.

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & consultants,
No.7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar I stage, Bangalore -560 038.

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This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **M/s Rasasri Developers (Pvt) Ltd,** A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, having its office at No.18, 3rd Floor, Rasasri Chambers, Jaladarshini Layout, New BEL Road, Bengaluru – 560 054, represented by its Authorized Director, Mr.Anjaneyulu Prathipati, PAN: AAACR6574P & Aadhaar No: 4686 2496 3410, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that M/s Rasasri Developers (Pvt) Ltd is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and it has acquired the Schedule Property under the Sale Deed dated 27/09/2023, registered as Document No.DNH-1-08063/2023-24, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Mr. C. Indra Reddy. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to M/s Rasasri Developers (Pvt) Ltd's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted undeveloped Land bearing **Sy.No.16/3,** measuring 18 Guntas, situated at Kempathimmanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore rural district, Vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN: SR (DE): 206/2004-05 dated 17/03/2005 and bounded on **East by :** Land belongs to Ramadasappa, **West by :** Govt Canal (Sarkari Kaluve), **North by :** Land belong Sy No.16/2 (Now Sy No 16/7) and **South by :** Land belongs to Chikkamuniyappa.

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BE IT KNOWN TO ALL, that my client **JAGADISH .D. PATEL,** S/o DHANJI PATEL is intend to purchase the property mentioned infra from his owner UDAYACHANDRA HOLLA s/o late K.KRISHNA HOLLA. If any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or claim by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise in the schedule property or any part thereof or having any kind of claims thereon or having any kind of claim against the documents of title or the owners, should write to the undersigned **within fifteen days (15 Days)** under regd. post with a/d from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof, In the event, such claims are not lodged with us within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any claim/s, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the schedule property without being liable for any claim put forth thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property bearing SITE NO.525, FORMED BY THE BENGALURU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN SY. NO.27 OF BYRATHI KHANE, ARKAVATHI LAYOUT, 18TH BLOCK, BENGALURU, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 24 METERS AND NORTH TO SOUTH 15 METERS AND BOUNDED ON THE:

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WEST BY : SITE NO.517
NORTH BY : SITE NO.524
SOUTH BY : SITE NO.526

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 27.06.2025 (10.30 AM TO 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs.55,09,010.39 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Nine Thousand Ten and Paise Thirty Nine Only) as on 05.06.2025** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) R. Ranjeth** S/o N Rajendran No 202 A Block,SBI Staff Quarters Ford Showroom, Binny Mill Garden Magadi Road,Bangalore,Karnataka-560023. **(2) N. Rajendran,** No 202 A Block SBI Staff, Quarters Binny Mill Garden, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560023. **(3) R. Rajesh** S/o N Rajendran, No. 202 A Block SBI Staff, Quarters Binny Mill Garden,Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560023.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **26.06.2025, 5.00 pm.** **(₹. in lakhs)**

Lot No	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	No-1, New Municipal No-2/3-2, Sy No-220, BBMP Khatha PID No-85-47-2/3-2, Nanjudappa garden, Cox Town, Doddigunta, Saravanagna Nagar, Bangalore-560005 East by: Drain, West by: Land of Nanjundappa and others, North by: Land of Nanjundappa and others, South by: Anjanappa's land with common passage of 4 feet leading to the road. **Coordinates of the property, Latitude- 12.992750, Longitude- 77.621972**	40.85	4.09	0.50

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9627872626,7483935007,9538406090 and 9598559920** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 07.06.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **Mr. Maddukuri Krishna Murthy,** aged about 62 years, S/o.Mr. Singaiah, residing at Pusapadu Post, Karamachedu Mandal, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh. PAN :CUWPM3588F & Aadhaar No. 7199 7916 7928, to purchase the Schedule A and B Properties for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mr. Maddukuri Krishna Murthy is the absolute owner of the Schedule A and B Properties and he has acquired the Schedule A Property under the Sale Deed dated 29/07/2016, registered as Document No.DNH-1-04116/2016-17, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Mrs. Lakshmamma and others and acquired the Schedule B Property under the Sale Deed dated 29/07/2016, registered as Document No.DNH-1-04112/2016-17, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Mrs. Lakshmamma and others. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule A and B Properties is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mr. Maddukuri Krishna Murthy's right, title and interest in the Schedule A and B Properties and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted undeveloped Land bearing **Sy.No.21/2** measuring 02 Acre 36 Guntas excluding 03 Guntas of karab, situated at Kempathimmanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore rural district, Vide Conversion Order bearing No.DMD398037E0348D0 dated 13-09-2019. and bounded as: **East by :** Land belongs to M krishnappa (Sy.No.21/1), **West by :** land belongs to Ramdas, **North by :** Land belongs to Anwar and **South by :** Government Road.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted undeveloped Land bearing **Sy.No.22/1** measuring 02 Acre38 Guntas excluding 04 Guntas of karab, situated at Kempathimmanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore rural district, Vide Conversion Order bearing No. DMD398037DFB4FB3 dated 13-09-2019. and bounded as **East by :** Land belongs to Anwar, **West by :** land belongs to Krishnappa in Sy.No.21/1, **North by :** Land belongs to Anwar and **South by :** Government Road.

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & consultants,
No.7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar I stage, Bangalore -560 038.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Headquarters Office, Works Branch, Chennai-3

Notification for Expression of Interest (EOI)
Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Operation of Track Geometry Management System (TGMS) in Self Propelled Inspection Car (SPIC)

Southern Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from competent and experienced agencies, both from India and overseas, for the Ultra-Sonic Flaw Dectection (USFD) System, similar to Railways Self Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing (SPURT) Car conforming to RDSO Specification **TM/HM/403 of 2017** (without rolling stock). The above system is to be installed and commissioned in a Self Propelled Inspection Car (SPIC) as per Drawing No. : SPICAC-9-0-001. The selected agency shall operate the system for an initial period of one (1) year, which is extendable for an additional five (5) years based on successful performance.

Scope of Work Includes :

* Supply of USFD system conforming to RDSO specifications.
* Installation & integration of above system in the SPIC.
* Necessary modifications either no :
  * The USFD system to suit the SPIC, or
  * The SPIC to suit the USFD sysem whichever is technically and economically feasible.
* Commissioning of the complete system.
* Operation and maintenance of the USFD system for the specified period.

Submission Requirements:

Interested agencies must submit their Expression of Interest in a sealed cover containing :

* Budgetary quotation.
* Terms and conditions.
* Credentials and relevant experience of the agency and technical personnel
* Estimated time for completion of the work.

The sealed cover should be addressed to :
Chief Track Engineer,
Southern Railway, Park Town, Chennai - 600 003.

The submission must reach the above address on or before **16.06.2025** by Registered Post :

Clarifications :

For any clarification, you may contact :
Deputy Chief Engineer (Track), Southern Railway, Headquarters, Chennai - 600 003 Mobile : 90030 60226.

Chief Track Engineer

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPCL invites tenders through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the following works.

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

1) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT2968, Date: 30.05.2025. Supply & Erection of electrical wiring and electrical fixtures to renovated Dam & Power House office at Ambikanagar. Tender Processing Fee: **As per e-procurement norms.** EMD: **Rs. 19,700/-.** Period of Completion: **60 Days.** Last date and time for on-line submission of tenders: **16.06.2025, 10:30 Hrs.** Further details contact: Further details contact: **Executive Engineer(O,PS&C) Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Uttrara Kannada District:** Mobile No.: **94482 30872.**

VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

1) KPCL/2025-26/DA/WORK_INDENT2899, Date: 02.06.2025. Protection works to chakra exit channel around chainage: 3400m. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 94.91 Lakhs** (Excluding GST). EMD: **Rs. 1,89,900/-.**

2) KPCL/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT2978, Date: 02.06.2025. Annual civil maintenance of Residential & Non-residential Buildings at Masthikatte Colony for a period of one year (July 2025 to June 2026). Amount put to tender: **Rs. 82.20 Lakhs** (Excluding GST). EMD: **Rs. 1,64,500/-.** Last date for tender submission: For Sl. No. 1, **17.06.2025, 16:00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2, **12.06.2025, 16:00 Hrs.** Further details contact: Further details contact: **Executive Engineer(Civil), Masthikatte, Hosanagara, Shivamogga District:** Mobile No. : **94495 98842,** during office hours.

BHADRA GENERATING STATION

1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT2956, Date: 02.06.2025. Alignment and Servicing of 17 Nos. 66kV GOS Isolators, Servicing and overhauling of 14 Nos. MOM boxes and 02 No.s Earth Switch Boxes, supply and installation of 03 No.s of MOM boxes and 01 No. of Earth Switch Box at Bhadra Generating Station - B.R. Project - 577115. EMD: **Rs. 24,550/-.** Last date for tender submission: **16.06.2025, 16:30 Hrs.** Further details contact: Further details contact: **Executive Engineer(O&M) Bhadra, Bhadra Generating Station, KPCL, B.R.Project - 577115, Bhadravati Taluk, Shivamogga District.** Website:**https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN THE USE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES IN THE FIELD OF LAW

The Government of India. Ministry of Law and Justice has a scheme for giving financial assistance to voluntary organizations engaged in propagation and use of Hindi and other regional languages specified in Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India in the field of law. The grant would be available to those organisations, who are doing any of the following works in any language mentioned in the Constitution of India namely:-

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(ii) Translation and publication of standard law books or classics.
(iii) Preparation and publication of legal glossary.
(iv) Publication of Law Journals.
(v) Any other publication, which may develop and propagate Hindi or other official languages of the States in the field of law, and
(vi) Additional grants would be considered for works in regional languages accompanied by its version in Hindi,

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